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SECURITY

'Please Turn Off All Devices And Do Not Look at the Puppy'

A puppy delayed several flights at New York's LaGuardia Airport when she escaped from her crate and frolicked around the runway. The Port Authority says the Rhodesian ridgeback scampered around for about 10 minutes Wednesday until her owner was found aboard a plane and summoned to catch the puppy. (AP)

PANIC

He Did This When He Lost His Cellphone in the Couch, Too

Ocean City police say a drunk Pennsylvania man was trying to find a cellphone when he drove down the resort city's boardwalk and crashed onto the beach. Christian Winzczuk, 21, lost the phone on the beach and, believing the car's headlights would help, drove the car onto the boardwalk. He lost control and went through a railing, damaging about 25 feet of boardwalk. (AP)

• **The Big Picture**


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THESE PEOPLE SHOULD ENTER THE POST'S PEEPS CONTEST NEXT YEAR: Local volunteers Francis Aitken, left, and Deborah Westmancote place some of the thousands of clay figures for Antony Gormley's "Field for the British Isles," which is being installed in Barrington Court on Thursday near Ilminster, England. (GETTY)

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In Brief

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Ex-Edwards Aide: Donor's Money Built My House

A former John Edwards aide has said that the bulk of nearly \$1 million in cash that prosecutors say bought the silence of Edwards' mistress went to help build the aide's dream house. Andrew Young testified for a fourth day Thursday at Edwards' campaign finance trial. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

48 Philly Transit Workers Win \$172.7M Powerball

A pool of 48 workers at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority scored the jackpot-winning ticket in this week's \$172.7 million Powerball drawing, lottery officials said Thursday. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Violence Against Women Measure Reauthorized

The Senate has passed a bill to renew the government's Violence Against Women Act. The 1994 law is designed to protect women and children. (AP)

Get Over Here, You



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

FIRST LADY MICHELLE

OBAMA hugs birthday celebrant Danielle Falcon Thursday at the White House. Obama answered more than a dozen questions from eager children for the annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.

New Secret Service Allegations

Agency investigating report of lewd activity in El Salvador in '10

Washington

Expanding the prostitution investigation, the Secret Service acknowledged Thursday it is checking whether its employees hired strippers and prostitutes in advance of President Obama's visit last year to El Salvador.

The disclosure came not long after the Homeland Security secretary assured skeptical senators that the recent prostitution scandal in Colombia appeared to be an isolated incident.

A spokesman for the Secret Service, Edwin Donovan, said the agency was investigating allegations raised in news reports about unprofessional behavior that have emerged in the aftermath of the Colombia incident. The latest, by Seattle television station KIRO-TV, quoted anonymous sources as saying that Secret Service employees



WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

The Secret Service is investigating whether employees hired prostitutes in 2010.

received sexual favors from strippers at a club in San Salvador and took prostitutes to their hotel rooms ahead of Obama's visit to the city in March 2011. Prostitution is legal in both Colombia and El Salvador.

Separately, The Washington Post this week cited unnamed "confidants" of the Secret Service officers implicated in Colombia say-

ing senior managers had tolerated similar behavior during previous official trips. The Post described a visit to Buenos Aires in 2009 by former President Bill Clinton, whose protective detail it said included agents and uniformed officers. During that trip, members of the detail went out for a late night of partying at strip clubs.

Donovan said Thursday, "Any information brought to our attention that can be assessed as credible will be followed up on in an appropriate manner."

"They work hard, but they believe their off-duty time is something that doesn't matter. It does matter."

— SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM, R-S.C., WHO SERVES ON THE JUDICIARY AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE INVESTIGATING THE SECRET SERVICE PROSTITUTION SCANDAL.

In a confidential message to senators on Thursday, the Secret Service said it had not received complaints about officer behavior in El Salvador but would investigate.

The expansion of any investigation into behavior by the Secret Service could represent another mark against an agency that has been tarnished by the prostitution scandal. ALICIA A. CALDWELL (AP)

New Cyber Deal for U.S., Russia

Plan calls for secure communication in case of nuclear attack

Washington

A secure communications channel set up to prevent misunderstandings that might lead to nuclear war is likely to expand to handle new kinds of conflict — in cyberspace.

The Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, established in 1988 under President Reagan so that Washington and Moscow could alert each other to missile tests and space launches that could be mistaken as acts of aggression, would take a central role in an agreement nearing completion between U.S. and Russian negotiators.

Creating Stability

The cyberspace agreement would be the first between the United States and another country seeking to lessen the danger of conflict in cyberspace, and it would include other measures to improve communication and transparency. It would be, officials and experts note, an initial step toward making cyberspace more stable. The talks reflect the increasing importance of cyber-activities as points of potential conflict between nations. (TWP)

The deal could be final in several weeks, but most key elements already are settled, said U.S. officials familiar with the talks.

The use of the secure channel

would be a milestone in the effort to ensure that misperceptions in cyberspace — where it is difficult to know who is behind a digital attack or even whether a computer disruption is the result of deliberate action — do not escalate, say officials from both countries.

"Both the U.S. and Russia are committed to tackling common cybersecurity threats while at the same time reducing the chances a misunderstood incident could negatively affect our relationship," White House spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said.

Russian Embassy spokesman Yevgeniy Khorishko said, "We feel that these confidence-building measures are important to preventing conflicts." ELLEN NAKASHIMA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

**ARTIFACTS****Moving On Up**

Any new arrival to New York City wants to visit the sights — and Enterprise is no different. NASA's space shuttle is scheduled to arrive in the city Friday. The shuttle will live at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, where it will be "the largest and most significant space artifact in the entire Northeast," said Susan Marenoff-Zausner, Intrepid's president. (AP)

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Health Law Rebates to Top \$1B

Insurance company benefits will average \$127 per person

Washington

More than 3 million health insurance policyholders and thousands of employers will share \$1.3 billion in rebates this year, thanks to President Obama's health care law, a nonpartisan research group said Thursday.

The rebates should average \$127 for the people who get them, and Democrats are hoping they'll send an election-year message that Obama's much-criticized health care overhaul is starting to pay dividends for consumers. Critics of the law call that wishful thinking.

The law requires insurance companies to spend at least 80 percent of the premiums they collect on medical care and quality improvement or return the difference to consumers and employers. Although many

Who Gets Refunds

Thanks to a provision in the health care reform law, millions of consumers will be receiving rebates from their insurers this summer:

- Almost one-third of consumers in the individual market will get rebates averaging \$127. These are consumers who are not covered by an employer and purchase their policies directly from an insurance company.
- Average amounts will vary by state. The highest will be paid in Alaska (average of \$305), Maryland (\$294) and Pennsylvania (\$243). No individual market insurers in Hawaii, Maine and D.C. expect to issue rebates.
- Nationwide, rebates to individual consumers will total \$426 million. (AP)

large employer plans already meet that standard, it's the first time the government has imposed such a requirement on the entire health insurance industry.

"This is one of the most tangible benefits of the health reform law that consumers will have seen to date," said Larry Levitt, an expert on private insurance with the Kaiser Family Foundation, which analyzed industry filings with state health insurance commissioners to produce its report. Kaiser is a nonpartisan information clearinghouse on the

nation's health care system.

Still, with employer coverage averaging about \$5,400 a year for an individual and \$15,100 for a family, \$127 isn't a whole lot of money. It amounts to 2 percent of an individual plan, and a little less than 1 percent of the family premium.

And the insurance industry says consumers should take little comfort from the rebates because premiums are likely to go up overall as a result of new benefits and other requirements of the law.

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)



Serious WikiLeaks Charge Stays

Fort Meade, Md.

A military judge refused on Thursday to dismiss the most serious charge against an Army private accused in the biggest leak of government secrets in U.S. history.

Col. Denise Lind rejected a defense motion to dismiss the charge of "aiding the enemy" during a pretrial hearing for Pfc. Bradley Manning. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Manning also faces 21 other counts.

In seeking dismissal of the most serious offense, defense attorney

David Coombs had argued that the charge didn't properly allege that Manning intended to help al-Qaeda when he allegedly sent hundreds of thousands of classified war reports to WikiLeaks.

Manning stated in an online chat that he leaked the information because "I want people to see the truth."

Lind said Thursday that prosecutors must prove that Manning had knowledge he was giving information to the enemy. If they fail to do so, Lind said she would entertain further motions from the defense.

Manning hasn't entered a plea to any of the charges. He also hasn't yet decided whether he will be tried by a judge or a jury. His trial is set for Sept. 21 through Oct. 12. (AP)

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BIN LADEN IN PAKISTAN LAST YEAR.

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The number of guns recovered by Mexican authorities from 2007 through 2011 that have been traced back to the U.S., according to data released Thursday by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. (AP)

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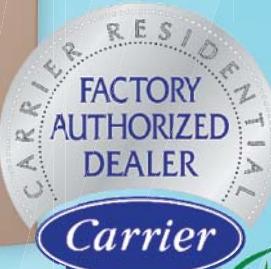
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**Nation****Boy Scouts Oust Lesbian Leader**

Group says it has the right to exclude gays, atheists from ranks

Bridgeport, Ohio

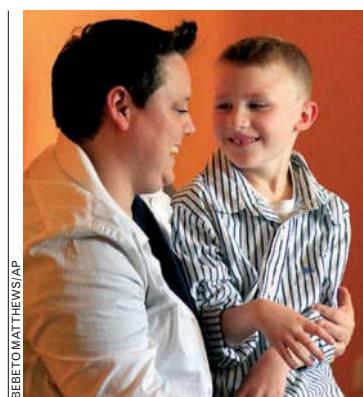
The first-graders in Ohio Pack 109's Tiger Scouts didn't know or care their den mother was a lesbian — at least not until the Boy Scouts of America threw her out over the organization's ban on gays.

Now parents who were aware of Jennifer Tyrell's sexual orientation well before she took the boys on campouts and helped them carve race cars have rallied to her defense in a case that has re-ignited the debate over the Scouts' policy.

"She wasn't trying to hide anything," said Rob Dunn, a father in Bridgeport, a village of about 2,000 across the Ohio River from Wheeling, W.Va.

Male scout leaders who are gay have long been barred, but instances of women being excluded are not well-documented and probably rare.

The Boy Scouts of America, whose oath calls for members to be "morally straight," maintains that as a private organization it has the right to exclude gays and atheists. That stance was upheld by the U.S.



Jennifer Tyrell, left, led the Boy Scout troop her son, Cruz Burns, was a part of.

Supreme Court in 2000 but has led many state and local governments to deny support for the Scouts.

Male scout leaders who are gay have long been barred, but instances of women being excluded are not well-documented and probably rare. Because of the policy, Tyrell said she only reluctantly allowed her 7-year-old son to join up in Bridgeport, where she lives with her partner and their four children. Told, she said, by the local cub master that it didn't matter that she is a lesbian, she was drafted to lead the pack in September.

Tyrell told parents at their first meeting about her sexual orientation. She said she was removed in April after the Boy Scouts told her to resign because she is gay.

"In this case, the policy was understood by her and her fellow volunteers but not followed," said Deron Smith, a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America.

JOHN SEEWER (AP)

**A Post-Cancer Prescription**

The American Cancer Society officials have long encouraged healthy eating and exercise as a way to prevent certain cancers. Now they're taking it a step further. Based on research, new guidelines out Thursday urge doctors to talk to cancer survivors about eating right, exercising and slimming down if they're too heavy, saying there's strong evidence that both habits may help prevent the disease from coming back. (AP)

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World

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

U.S. Troop, Interpreter Slain by Afghan Soldier

An Afghan soldier fatally shot an American service member and a local interpreter and wounded three other coalition service members in southern Afghanistan before he was gunned down, officials said Thursday, the latest in a string of attacks against foreign forces by their Afghan partners. In the east, meanwhile, three U.S. service members were killed in a bomb attack. (AP)

CAIRO

Arab League Condemns S. Sudan for 'Aggression'

The Arab League on Thursday condemned South Sudan's "military aggression" against an oil-rich border region claimed by Sudan while also supporting Sudan's right to defend itself. The statement came as some fear growing disputes between the two countries may soon lead to an all-out war. (AP)

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Reports Family Of Bin Laden Deported

Pakistan deported Osama bin Laden's three widows and his children to Saudi Arabia on Friday, less than a week before the anniversary of the May 2, 2011, raid that killed the al-Qaeda leader. The women were charged with illegally entering and living in the country. (AP)

In Verdicts, a Warning to Tyrants

Landmark ruling convicts ex-Liberian leader of war crimes

Leidschendam, Netherlands

Former Liberian president Charles Taylor on Thursday became the first head of state since World War II convicted by an international war crimes court, a legal landmark observers say sent a clear message to tyrants around the world that their days of impunity are numbered.

Taylor, 64, was found guilty on 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity for sending guns and bullets to Sierra Leone rebels in return for so-called blood diamonds mined by slave laborers and smuggled across the border.

He said nothing in court and showed no emotion as he was convicted.

The verdicts were hailed by prosecutors, victims and rights activists as a watershed moment in efforts to end impunity for leaders responsible for atrocities.

"This is a bell that has been



Backstory

Charles Taylor, while president of Liberia, played a crucial role in allowing rebels to continue a bloody rampage during Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war that ended in 2002, judges at the Special Court for Sierra Leone said. The rebels gained notoriety for hacking off the limbs of their enemies and carving their groups' initials into opponents and even children they kidnapped and turned into killers. (AP)

Who's Next?

International efforts to prosecute leaders have been spotty at best, but here's a look at some figures that prosecutors could pursue:



BASHAR ASSAD

Syria's president is widely accused of atrocities, but the prospect of him being indicted soon is unlikely.



OMAR AL-BASHIR

The Sudanese president is openly defying attempts to arrest him on international genocide charges.



LAURENT GBAGBO

The ex-Ivory Coast president is in jail on charges of attacking opponents as he tried to cling to power last year. (AP)

13 The number of presidential candidates in Egypt to make the final list released Thursday by the country's election commission. In recent weeks, the panel disqualified 10 of the 23 hopefuls who had registered for the May 23-24 elections, and the race is boiling down to a contest between Hosni Mubarak's former foreign minister and two Islamists. (AP)

do del Buey.

Despite Thursday's optimism, international efforts to prosecute leaders have been spotty so far at best, and the global implications meant little to survivors of the war in Sierra Leone who celebrated Taylor's conviction.

"I am happy that the truth has come out ... that Charles Taylor is fully and solely responsible for the crimes committed against the people of Sierra Leone," said Jusu Jarka, who lost both arms during the fighting in 1999 and now runs an organization for amputees.

In Freetown, the capital, crowds that had gathered to watch the verdicts live on television sighed with relief when the conviction was announced.

Edward Songo Conteh was in court to watch the verdicts. His only regret was that Taylor was not immediately sentenced. That will happen next month.

The court has no death penalty and no maximum sentence.

"I want to see this man behind bars for the rest of his life," said Conteh, who had one of his hands hacked off by child soldiers.

MIKE CORDER (AP)

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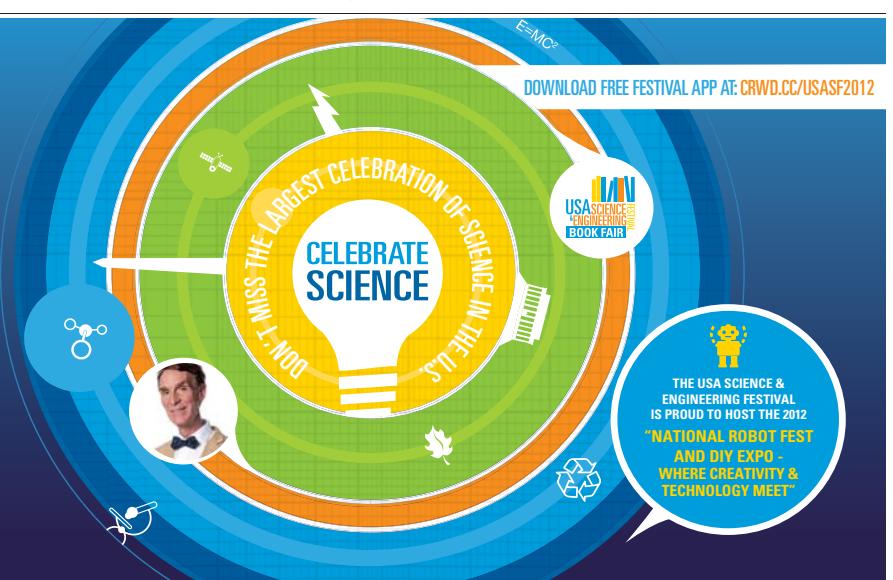
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World

Pakistani Court Convicts PM Of Contempt

Islamabad

Pakistan's Supreme Court convicted the prime minister of contempt on Thursday but handed him a symbolic sentence of less than a minute's detention, allowing him to leave the building still in power.

The ruling against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani triggered renewed political turmoil and could lead to his dismissal in the coming months. The tensions risk consuming a government already burdened with major economic and security challenges. (AP)

Murdoch Offers Apology Over Phone Hacking

London

Rupert Murdoch, 81, expressed regret Thursday for his failure to halt what he called "a cover-up" at his News of the World tabloid over the phone-hacking scandal engulfing his media empire.

Testifying for a second day at a U.K. inquiry into press ethics, the News Corp. chief said the extent of hacking had been hidden from him and his senior executives.

"All I can do is apologize to a lot of people," he said. "I also have to say I failed, and I am very sorry about it." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Norway Sings in Defiance of Confessed Killer



THOUSANDS OF NORWEGIANS GATHER Thursday in Oslo, Norway, to sing "Children of the Rainbow," a tune that confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik said last week has been used to brainwash the country's youth. More than 40,000 people participated in the Oslo protest. Breivik has been on trial for the July 22 massacre of 77 people last year.



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Experts Discredit N. Korea's Show of Force

Missiles trotted out by military simply fakes, analysts say

Tokyo

Analysts who have studied photos of ominous new North Korean missiles showcased recently at a lavish military parade say they were fakes, and not very convincing, casting further doubt on the country's claims of military prowess.

Since its recent rocket launch failure, Pyongyang's military leaders have made several boastful statements about its capabilities. On Wednesday, Vice Marshal Ri Yong Ho claimed his country is



Backstory ...

North Korea's missiles, called KN-08s, were loaded onto the largest mobile launch vehicles Pyongyang has ever unveiled. The unveiling created an international stir. The missiles appeared to be new and designed for long-range attacks. That's a big concern

because North Korea has long been suspected of trying to field an intercontinental ballistic missile, or ICBM, capable of reaching the U.S. But the weapons displayed April 15 appear to be a mishmash of components that could never fly together, and they didn't even fit the launchers they were carried on. (AP)

capable of defeating the U.S. "at a single blow." And Monday, North Korea promised "special actions" that would reduce Seoul's government to ashes within minutes.

"There is no doubt that these

missiles were mock-ups," Markus Schiller and Robert Schmucker, of Germany's Schmucker Technologie, wrote in a paper posted online.

North Korea often overstates its military capabilities, but the mis-

siles displayed this month might foreshadow weapons it is working on.

Physicist David Wright noted that the first signs the outside world got of North Korea's long-range Taepodong-2 missile — upon which the recent failed rocket was based — was from mock-ups seen in 1994, 12 years before it was actually tested on the launch pad.

But Theodore Postol, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, called the recent unveiling simply a smoke screen.

"The only way North Korea could develop such a missile with its pitiful economy would be if someone gave it to them," he said.

ERIC TALMADGE (AP)

Hearsay



"Ukraine wasn't left alone with its pain. We felt that the whole world came to our rescue."

— VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH, UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT, SPEAKING THURSDAY AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER AND INAUGURATING THE ASSEMBLY OF A GIGANTIC STEEL CONTAINMENT BUILDING TO COVER THE REMNANTS OF THE REACTOR.

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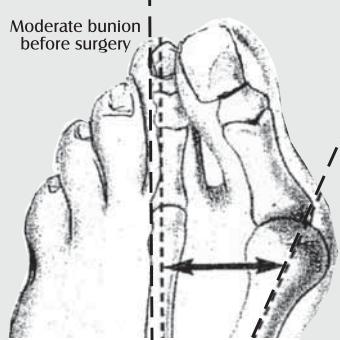
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trucks are, and always will be, as big a part of the fabric of this nation as baseball and apple pie."

I'd argue that it's these folks who don't get it. Reducing the number of car trips doesn't mean eradicating the automobile (just as cutting obesity doesn't mean saying goodbye to delicious apple pie).

Tourists are already biking not only to restaurants but to all of D.C.'s destinations thanks to the rapidly expanding Capital Bikeshare program, which finally managed to install some stations on the Mall. Seriously, my — pregnant! — friend visiting last week got around exclusively with CaBi.

And Kathy, honey, you're exhibiting a fundamental lack of understanding of public transportation. Many seniors and disabled people can't drive cars, so they need trains, buses and Washington's future streetcar network more than any of us.

Granted, the current system has some accessibility issues (along with quite a few other issues, as the derailment this week reminded us). A recent study by ergonomics consultants Alison G. Vredenburgh and Ilene B. Zackowitz — and highlighted by the local blog Hellonwheelz.org, which is devoted to disabled Metro rider advocacy — noted the potential headaches caused by broken elevators, no place to secure wheelchairs on trains and the wide gaps between the platforms and trains.

The fixes to these problems aren't going to arrive in a car. But hopefully, they'll come via time machine. Over the next 20 years, the city and WMATA and all of us will have to make changes to bring this sustainable vision to life.

Future Perfect

Mayor Vincent Gray invited everyone aboard his time machine on Tuesday to check out a "Vision for a Sustainable D.C." By the year 2032, if all goes according to this plan, we'll have cut our obesity rate, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions all by 50 percent, attracted 250,000 new residents and made every D.C. waterway fishable and swimmable.

Of course, the part of the strategy to turn Washington into the "healthiest, greenest and most livable city" in the country that caught my attention was the transportation goal: 75 percent of all trips made by walking, biking or transit. That doesn't seem so out there to me — most of my friends already hit that number, and if people don't, it's an awesome aspiration.

But several commenters at

Washingtonpost.com think the idea is just nuts. "And how do tourists — especially retired couples, disabled people and families who drive their cars to get to the nation's capital — fit into this vision of D.C. without cars?" asked Kathy8. "Which tourists are going to bike to a restaurant?" wondered 8-Man2. And that charmer junkie4politics opined: "This city just doesn't get it that no matter what they say or do, cars and

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Schedule Changes? Maryland commuter rail service on MARC's Brunswick Line would remain at current levels or be expanded at stations in Montgomery County under a newly proposed schedule released Tuesday. Under the latest proposal,

Train 877 would no longer operate to West Virginia but would make more stops in Montgomery. Train 877 would be replaced with Train 875 leaving Union Station at 4:15 p.m., in addition to two other afternoon trains leaving Union Station at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Lawsuit Filed Against Ex-UVA Lacrosse Player

The mother of a slain University of Virginia lacrosse player has filed a lawsuit against the former lacrosse player convicted of murdering her daughter. Sharon Love filed the lawsuit against George Huguely V Thursday in Charlottesville Circuit Court. Love is requesting nearly \$29.5 million in compensatory damages for the death of her daughter, Yeardley Love. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

Report: Infant Mortality Rate at Historic Low

The District's infant mortality rate, long among the highest in the country, has fallen to a historic low because pregnant women are smoking less, fewer teenagers are having babies and women have better access to prenatal care, according to a Health Department report. Of 9,156 children born in the District in 2010, 73 died before their first birthday, a rate of 8 per 1,000 births, according to the latest data available. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

Police: Tourist Killed During Washington Visit

Police in Washington say a man whose body was found in an alley was a Denver resident who had been visiting the nation's capital. Authorities say Gary Dederichs, 66, was suffering from head trauma when he was found Tuesday in Petworth. He was pronounced dead at the scene. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 26

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	4-4-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-5-3
Mid-day Pick 4	9-7-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-5-3-3
Match 5 (Wed.)	16-17-21-28-37 (36)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	2-10-14-16-20-26

Rider Pleas Can't Halt Fare Hike

Metro board OKs higher rates set to go into effect in July

Washington

Pleas from riders Thursday could not hold off an across-the-board hike in Metro's parking fees and bus and rail fares, as the board of directors adopted new fares to help overcome a deficit in the transit authority's next budget.

The changes are scheduled to go into effect July 1. Riders packed the boardroom at Metro's headquarters Thursday to speak out against the increases, and the discussion during the public comment period centered on fares for MetroAccess, the transit authority's service for the disabled.

The maximum charge for MetroAccess will remain \$7. However, many of those riders will



MICHAEL S. WILLIAMS/TWP

Passengers wait at Silver Spring station heading north toward Wheaton Thursday.

experience increases because fares are calculated using bus and train rates. The increase averages about 5 percent on rail, although the actual amounts would vary depending on distance. Bus fares increase by a

dime, rising to \$1.60 for those who use electronic SmarTrip cards.

Metro's base peak fare for rail riders would increase from \$1.95 to \$2.10. The maximum peak fare would increase from \$5 to \$5.75.

Meanwhile...

Advocates for the disabled said they were disappointed that the MetroAccess fare structure wasn't simplified and made more affordable. "We go to meeting after meeting to plead for you not to raise our fares," Lois Staves, 62, of Fort Washington, told the board. "We have rights to be mobile. You take away our mobility. You crush our spirit. If you are on a fixed income you're just stuck." Board members discussed the possibility of raising bus and rail fares and holding off on any action that would affect MetroAccess until the rates could be studied further. (TWP)

The base off-peak rail fare would increase from \$1.60 to \$1.70. The maximum off-peak fare would be \$3.50. Parking fees at Metro lots and garages would rise by 25 cents. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Maryland Live! to Launch June 6

Hanover, Md.

Maryland Live!, the state's largest planned slots casino, is set to open its doors on the night of June 6, the project's developer said Thursday.

The launch of the \$500 million facility in Anne Arundel County will mark a key milestone in Maryland's gambling program, which has suffered multiple delays and generated significantly less revenue for the state than first projected.

Maryland Live!, developed by the Baltimore-based Cordish Cos.,

is set to open at Arundel Mills mall with 3,200 slot machines and electronic table games, more than double the offerings of either of the first two casinos to open in the state.

3,200

The number of slot machines and electronic table games planned to be featured at Maryland Live!, which opens June 6, officials say.

By this fall, Cordish says the number of machines will grow to 4,750, making it one of the larg-

est casinos of its kind in the country. The facility will also include a half-dozen new restaurants and a live music venue.

Besides touting what they called a "world-class gaming experience," Cordish officials also said Thursday that they hope the opening will influence the debate in Annapolis over whether to authorize a sixth casino in Maryland, which Cordish opposes. When fully operational, legislative analysts expect Maryland Live! to generate more than \$400 million a year in revenue.

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Cathedral Set To Restart Gargoyle Tours

Washington

Washington National Cathedral will be offering tours of its unique stone carvings for the first time since the building was damaged by an earthquake last year.

Tours exploring more than 100 gargoyles perched on the cathedral's facade will begin again on Sunday at 2 p.m. The gargoyles include monsters, dogs and horses, as well as "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader.

The cathedral had been forced to suspend the tour, as well as other regular events, following a 5.8-magnitude earthquake on Aug. 23. The quake caused stonework to fall from the building's towers and other damage. The cathedral reopened to the public in November. (AP)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	7-1-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-6-9
Mid-day DC 4	6-1-5-9
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-0-2-0
Mid-day D.C. Five	9-0-6-1-1
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-9-15-24-34
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-12-28-35-36 (3)

Multi-State Games

Power Play	4-25-29-34-43
Powerball	29

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Cover Story

Hashtag Politics

Twitter has reshaped how campaigns distribute and refine their messages

Washington

The bully pulpit has a new kind of altar call: "Tweet them. We've got a hashtag. Here's the hashtag for you to tweet them: #dontdoublemyrate."

President Obama repeated that Twitter hashtag twice more during a Tuesday speech opposing an increase in student loan interest rates. For good measure, he even had his Chapel Hill, N.C., audience chant it back to him.

"Twitter has become the ultimate real-time engagement tool for our campaign."

—ZAC MOFFATT, DIGITAL DIRECTOR OF REPUBLICAN MITT ROMNEY'S CAMPAIGN

Within moments after Obama finished his remarks, Twitter users had written more than 20,000 posts containing "#dontdoublemyrate" — enough for Twitter to declare it a Top 10 worldwide "trending topic."

The six-year-old microblogging site came into its own this presidential cycle, but the past few weeks have demonstrated how clearly it has become the tool of choice for getting something into the political bloodstream.

That the president is now incorporating hashtags into his speeches shows how Twitter is redefining the means by which politicians shape, distribute and refine their messages. Campaigning in 140 characters or less provides almost instant feedback, which campaigns

24M

Twitter is dwarfed in size by Facebook, with 24 million active U.S. users at the end of last year, compared with nearly 133 million for Facebook, according to an estimate by the research firm eMarketer. But it is growing more than twice as fast, at 31.9 percent last year. (TWP)

90%

The number of senators and House members who now have Twitter accounts, which is triple the percentage at the beginning of last year, said Adam Sharp of Twitter. (TWP)

use to figure out what is working and what isn't, even before it hits the blogs, much less the traditional media outlets.

But as both sides are learning, once they enter the Twitterverse, the digital currents can sweep in many directions.

In the past, for instance, Mitt Romney's campaign might have sent out a mass e-mail to protest if a Democratic cable television pundit accused the candidate's wife of never working a day in her life. And quite likely, it would have sunk without a ripple.

But when that happened at 8:43 p.m. on April 11, Ann Romney issued her first tweet: "I made a choice to stay home and raise five boys. Believe me, it was hard work." And it caused a sensation that threw the Democrats on the defensive on women's issues.

Where almost no one on Twit-

Starting a Trend

#DogGatePartI

A long-gestating story about an ill-fated family trip Mitt Romney took with his dog attached to the roof of his car slowly picked up steam on Twitter and elsewhere, most notably when a New Yorker cover featuring Rick Santorum in the doghouse atop a car hit Twitter.



#SmokingGate

In an ad on Herman Cain's official YouTube page, Cain's campaign manager, Mark Block, was shown smoking on camera immediately before a lengthy smile from Cain—a bizarre combination that quickly went viral on Twitter.



#SketchAGate

Romney communications director Eric Fehrnstrom said March 21 on CNN that Romney would "hit a reset button" in the general election. "It's almost like an Etch a Sketch," he said. Romney's opponents pounced: Etch a Sketch went viral.



#MommyGate

After Democratic strategist Hilary Rosen said on CNN that stay-at-home mom and potential first lady Ann Romney hadn't worked a day in her life, Romney took to Twitter on April 11 to defend the work of motherhood, setting the topic abuzz.



#DogGatePartII

In the past week, a tweeted link to a story about President Obama eating dog meat as a child in Indonesia—which Obama told in his 1995 autobiography—gave Romney's campaign a chance at some tweeted payback for the heat he'd taken over his ill-fated family trip. (EXPRESS)

Officially Onboard

In the early months of the Obama administration, White House officials were leery of Twitter, in no small part because of concerns about how the freewheeling environment of social media would mesh with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act, which mandates that all the traffic end up in the National Archives. Only when officials noticed how many White House reporters were using it did they realize that "we were missing an opportunity," said former deputy press secretary Bill Burton, one of the early advocates of official White House Twitter accounts. (TWP)

ter had been mentioning Ann Romney or the strategist Hilary Rosen's name when Rosen made her comment on CNN, the number quickly jumped to more than 150 tweets per minute. And by noon the next day, more than 2,800 Twitter users had sent Ann Romney's tweet on to tens of thousands of followers.

What gives Twitter its outsize influence in politics is not how many users it has but who those users are — journalists, elected officials, campaign operatives.

"Every single thing we do, there's a tweet button next to it," said Katie Hogan, a spokeswoman for Obama's campaign. "We can now reach not only our supporters, but our supporters can drive the message, too."

It makes the pace of earlier rapid-response efforts, such as the vaunted 1992 Bill Clinton "war room," seem almost glacial.

Twitter has also changed the tenor of the debate, with candidates and campaign operatives posting edgy things there that would not likely dare to posit if, say, they were sitting in front of a television camera — exchanges that do not exactly represent an elevation of the level of political discourse.

But the Twitterization of politics also represents a breakthrough, giving ordinary people a chance to be part of the political conversation in a way they never have before.

KAREN TUMULTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

sports

Now that RG3 is officially a Redskin, can he live up to the hype? | 16



TV Lineup



Another Strasmas is scheduled to occur on Saturday against the Dodgers.

Friday

7 P.M. The second and third rounds of the NFL draft are in New York. ESPN

7 P.M. The first-place Orioles start a series against the Oakland A's. MASN

10 P.M. The Nats' Ross Detwiler pits his .56 ERA against the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw, last year's NL Cy Young winner. MASN2

Saturday

NOON The NFL draft wraps up with the fourth through seventh rounds.

ESPN

3 P.M. The NBA playoffs tip off with four games. ABC

3 P.M., 7 P.M. The NHL playoffs resume with the conference semifinals. NBC, NBCSN

7 P.M. NASCAR is in Richmond, Va., for the Sprint Cup Series 400.

7:30 P.M. D.C. United again seeks two-straight wins when hosting the Houston Dynamo. CSN

9 P.M. Stephen Strasburg pitches for the Nats against the Dodgers. MASN2

Sunday

1 P.M. Four more NBA playoff series begin, starting with a matinee. ESPN

4 P.M. The Nats finish out their series against the Dodgers. MASN2

● Note: The NHL hadn't announced its full playoff schedules by Express' deadline. Visit washingtonpost.com to see when the Caps play next.



Capitals players celebrate with Joel Ward, center, after Ward scored the game-winning goal to win the series against Boston.

JOHN McDONNELL/TWP

"To have seven one-goal games and four overtime games, this certainly was the best, most competitive series since I've owned the team."

— TED LEONISI, ON THE EXCITING NATURE OF THE CAPS' ERIES WIN OVER THE BRUINS.



"This system seems to be the right system to play in the playoffs," Capitals owner Ted Leonsis said.

Washington's 4-3 series win over Boston also vindicates many of the changes the Capitals made over the past season. In late November, the Capitals fired coach Bruce Boudreau and opted for the defensively minded Dale Hunter, but the impact of the change wasn't seen until the last month of the season.

Hunter's team struggled to shed some characteristics of Boudreau's squads, and some wondered if Hunter would even return as coach if the Capitals missed the playoffs. Then the Caps bought in.

The dump-and-chase style helped the Capitals clinch the seventh seed in the NHL playoffs. Against Boston, Hunter's rougher style of play seemed to take the Bruins by surprise early on and translated into success.

But reaching the second round isn't the goal for the Capitals. They outplayed the New York Rangers last season in the first round, only to lose in four games to the Tampa Bay Lightning. That's what Leonsis hopes to avoid this year.

"We got through the first round, we did that last year," he said. "So there's relief and joy but there's a lot of work left to do. I'll think we improved over last year if we can get through the second round. That's the goal year after year."

REED S. ALBERS (FOR EXPRESS)

'We Needed It'

Capitals show things are different this year with Game 7 victory

The Capitals

The sound of relief could be heard in General Manager George McPhee's voice after the Capitals' Game 7 overtime victory over the Boston Bruins on Wednesday.

A Joel Ward goal advanced the Capitals out of the first round and completed what seemed to be an impossible feat of topping the Stanley Cup champions in a do-or-die situation.

"We needed to win a series like this; this franchise needed it," he said. "Boston's a fabulous organization. ... We played them as hard as we could. I don't know how we did it, but it was nice to see that go in. We needed it."

'Unforgivable' Tweets

The NHL may have more than two dozen black players, but that fact was lost in the torrent of racist tweets targeted at Joel Ward after his overtime goal for the Capitals eliminated the Boston Bruins from the playoffs Wednesday night. Many of the tweets were fired off in the heat of the moment after the game ended. Many were later deleted. Some have stepped forward and apologized for their tweets. The troubling cyberpatter, which Capitals owner Ted Leonsis called "unforgivable," was not the first racial incident in the NHL this season. In September, in a preseason game featuring the Philadelphia Flyers in London, Ontario, a fan threw a banana peel onto the ice, missing the Flyers' black forward Wayne Simmonds. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In the past the Capitals have fallen flat — or, to put it bluntly, choked — in Game 7s. But on Wednesday night, a seismic shift occurred in the Capitals' world.

Though they carried the weight of past seasons' failures on their shoulders, the Caps proved they have changed from those days.

Instead of being the victim of one mistake, the Caps capitalized

on a failed clear by Boston's Benoit Pouliot to score the series-clinching goal. Instead of trying to use offense to defeat the Bruins, the Caps grinded out four one-goal wins. And instead of relying on Alexander Ovechkin to carry the offense, it was players such as Matt Hendricks who came up big.

Against Boston, the Capitals proved they can play playoff hockey.

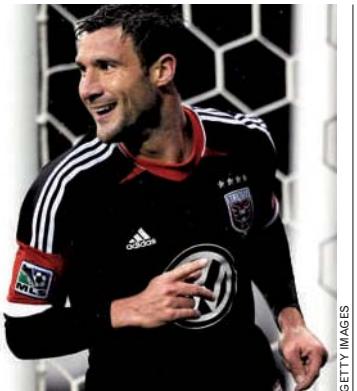
Pontius Scores Big at Forward

United star earns playing time with recent strong efforts

Major League Soccer

The way things are going for D.C. United right now, players have to seize their opportunities when they get on the field. The competition, especially in the midfield and at forward, is fierce enough to the point that familiar stars such as Chris Pontius and Andy Najar are having trouble finding a regular place in the lineup.

Over the past few weeks, Pontius has taken matters into his own



GETTY IMAGES

Chris Pontius netted a hat trick for D.C. against the New York Red Bulls Sunday.

hands and given coach Ben Olsen little choice but to play him. "He was patient, to a point, and then he was

Familiar Foes Meet at RFK



7:30 P.M.
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There are numerous links between D.C. United and the Houston Dynamo, who will meet Saturday at RFK Stadium. Dwayne De Rosario won an MLS Cup MVP award while playing for Houston in 2007, and D.C. assistant coach Pat Onstad also played a major role for Houston's championship teams in 2006 and 2007 as starting goalkeeper. Danny Cruz, meanwhile, started last season's MLS Cup final for Houston before leaving for D.C. And Houston center back Bobby Boswell played for D.C. from 2005-2007 and was the former roommate of United coach Ben Olsen. (A.C.)

chomping at the bit," Olsen said. "With all the subs that we want to get on the field, you have to take advantage of your opportunities."

With the emergence of rookie Nick DeLeon as a consistent threat

at Pontius' left wing position, the fourth-year attacker has had to reinvent himself as a forward. He's done so successfully, with four goals in his last three games, including a game-winning goal off the bench

against New England and his first career hat trick in Sunday's 4-1 win over the New York Red Bulls. He was named Major League Soccer's player of the week on Monday.

Playing forward is not new to Pontius. He spent time up top during his rookie season and accounted for four goals and three assists, but he had made a home for himself on the left wing and had his best professional season there in 2011 before breaking his leg in September.

Pontius' confidence is high, but that doesn't mean his place in the lineup is a given. Not with the in-house competition pushing players on a weekly basis. "I'm just happy to be back on the field playing with the guys," Pontius said. "It's good to be hitting some form again ... I want to keep this going."

AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)

UNBEATEN IN SIX

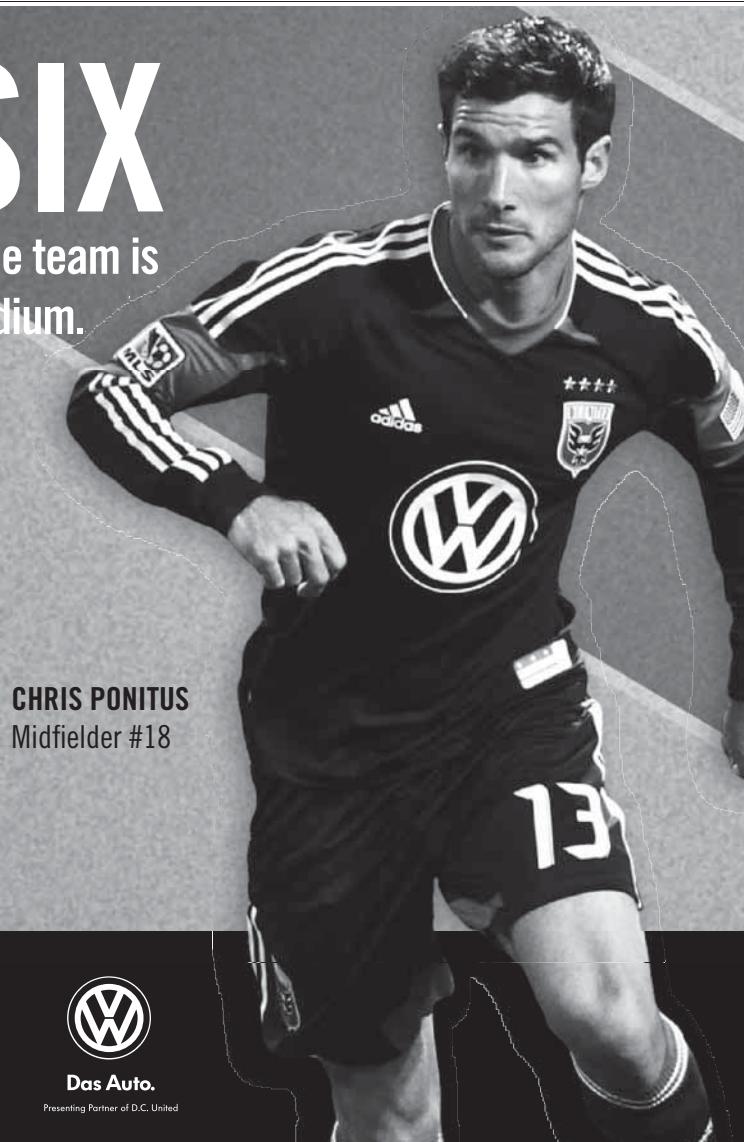
Second place D.C. United hasn't lost since March 18, and the team is looking to extend its unbeaten run this Saturday at RFK Stadium.



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Zimmermann Takes No Offense

Nats pitcher doesn't complain about his lack of run support

The Nationals

For most of Jordan Zimmermann's career in D.C., he's been the resident tough-luck pitcher, dominant on his own but so often undone by the failure of his teammates to score runs for him.

But don't expect Zimmermann to cry about it. He knows about bad luck, and that ain't it. This is a guy whose face was shattered in college by a screaming line drive — during batting practice. He didn't complain. He went out and pitched — with his jaw wired shut.

Last season, in his first full year with the Nationals, Zimmermann's 3.18 ERA was 10th best among National League starters, but his 8-11 record proved he couldn't do it by himself. The Nationals averaged 4.8 runs in Zimmermann's starts, meaning only four National League starters got less run support.

This year didn't start off any better. Washington (14-4 entering Thursday's game), which visits the Los Angeles Dodgers this weekend, didn't score more than three runs in any of his first three starts, though the team won two of them.

"He hasn't been getting hardly any [run support] at all, but he keeps pitching like that, he's going to get a whole bunch of wins," manager Davey Johnson said last week after Zimmermann allowed only



His Own Best Friend

On Wednesday in San Diego, hard-luck pitcher Jordan Zimmermann didn't leave anything to chance, giving himself a two-run lead with an RBI single and holding the Padres to a single run over six innings. He kept them down long enough for the Nationals to break out with a five-run seventh inning. Zimmermann's ERA actually went up — to 1.33 — but he notched his first win of the season. Of course, the Nationals scoring outburst came after Zimmermann had been lifted for a pinch hitter. "I had to get Zim out of there," Nats manager Davey Johnson quipped. "We can't score when he's pitching." (D.T.)

a single run in seven innings, but didn't get the victory.

Still, for all anyone knew, Zimmermann (1-1, 1.33 ERA) might still have been pitching with his jaw wired. His demeanor on the mound rarely changes, whether he's just struck out the side or given up a home run. "A bulldog" is Johnson's favored term. "I just try to go out there and battle and keep the team in the game as long as I possibly can," Zimmermann

Gone for Good?

Have NFL fans seen the last of the Pro Bowl? The game could be suspended next year, two people familiar with discussions said Thursday. Responding to an ESPN report that commissioner Roger Goodell is "strongly considering" suspending the typically lackluster All-Star game in 2013, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said: "No determination has been made yet." (AP)



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Kitchen and Kin:

HGTV's 'Kitchen Cousins' proves tearing down walls is best done among family **E2**



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Tom Bridge and his wife, Tiffany Bridge, moved to Brookland two years ago, drawn by the Northeast neighborhood's sense of community and its great prices.

Bargains Over the Brookland Bridge

A neighborhood vibe blossoms in Northeast

Hot Hoods

There's a neighborhood in the District, just a short Metro ride from downtown, known for community, diversity and, best of all, surprisingly affordable home prices.

This is Brookland. Its quiet, shady streets and single-family homes with yards have long been popular with families, gardeners and nature-lovers, not to mention the 3,000 students at nearby Catholic University.

With home prices shooting up in D.C., the neighborhood's affordability is drawing more home buyers to Brookland.

It's also a straight shot from downtown by car or bike. Just head northeast along Rhode Island Avenue and across a small bridge to 9th Street NE. You can ride Metro's Red Line from downtown to Brookland-CUA Station in roughly 20 minutes.

Once they move in, residents find even more to love, including a strong sense of neighborhood pride.

"We wanted to pick a community we could engage with," says Tom Bridge, an IT consultant who moved to Brookland two years ago.

These days, the once-sleepy streetcar suburb is changing (though not without some growing pains).

New retail and residential developments near the Brookland Metro and at nearby Rhode Island Avenue Metro are making the

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Brookland

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neighborhood more attractive to younger buyers. According to Zillow.com's Home Value Index, recent prices for Brookland condos of all sizes averaged \$302,000, about \$50,000 less than in Petworth and more than \$100,000 less than in Columbia Heights.

For those prices, you miss out on a few amenities. The neighborhood's retail options consist of a few sit-down restaurants, pizza and wings takeouts, and greasy spoons. "I miss U Street and some of the convenience of having all those choices [of restaurants and shops] in really close proximity," says Geraldine, 33, who did not want her last name published.



A short commute to downtown D.C.—the Metro ride is only about 20 minutes—has been luring younger buyers to Brookland.

Geraldine lives at the Chancellor's Row at Brookland Metro (627 Regent Place NE; 202-290-3794, Eya.com), which broke ground in 2010 and offers three- and four-bedroom, LEED-certified row homes starting at \$343,000.

On the other end of the price spectrum is Oak Terrace (3719 12th St. NE; 202-529-2420), an older building where a one-bedroom recently sold for \$122,000. The Brooklander (1218 Perry St. NE; 301-513-9300) also offers attractive deals, like a one-bedroom condo that assessed for \$220,000.

Value is what draws most buyers to Brookland. Long and Foster Realtor Tanya Slade has seen this firsthand. "I think a lot of people who are transitioning from other cities recognize how expensive

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Tom Bridge calls buying a home in Brookland "easily the best decision we made."

it is to be near a Metro [station]. And then they find their way to Brookland and realize, 'Wow, I can be on the Metro and live in my smaller condo, and I'll still be in the city.'"

Buyers on a budget who want to remain in D.C. proper "definitely have to come to the east side of North Capitol," says Slade.

Unlike other Northeast neighborhoods, Brookland combines low prices with accessibility to transit. As for restaurants and services, there is slow but steady growth. An upscale bar, the Brookland Café (3740 12th St. NE; 202-635-6307, Thebrooklandcafe.com), opened a few years ago, and the neighborhood recently welcomed its first cupcake shop (Divinely Decadent Desserts; 2701 12th St. NE, 202-450-1953, Thedivinedessert.com). Menomale Pizza Napoletana and Craft Beer (2711 12th St. NE; 202-248-3946, Menomale.us) is scheduled to open later in 2012.

Dance Place (3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, Danceplace.org) offers performances and classes just a few blocks from the Metro station, and residents tout the recently renovated Turkey Thicket Recreation Center (1100 Michigan Ave. NE; 202-576-9236, App.dpr.dc.gov) as a "hidden gem" with a 25-meter swimming pool. Brookland's Langdon Dog Park (2901 20th Street NE) is one of the largest parks in the entire District. The Woodridge Neighborhood Library

"I'm for the most part very excited about what's coming down the pipe. Brookland is a rising star."

— TOM BRIDGE, AN IT CONSULTANT, ON THE NEW RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS POPPING UP IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

(1801 Hamlin St. NE; 202-541-6226, Dclibrary.org/woodridge), which serves much of Brookland, is scheduled to be renovated, with assistance from the firm that designed the new Arena Stage.

The Metropolitan Branch Trail (Metbranchtrail.com), which links Silver Spring with Union Station, runs right through the heart of the neighborhood, following the Metro tracks. You can enter the trail at 7th and Franklin Streets NE.

While neither is technically located within the bounds of Brookland, both of D.C.'s new breweries — D.C. Brau and Chocolate City — have opened up shop in Northeast, so growlers of fresh beer are just a stone's throw away.

"I'm for the most part very excited about what's coming down the pipe," Bridge says of the new developments. "Brookland is a rising star."

Bridge's and his wife's decision to move to Brookland, he says, was "easily the best decision we made."

RACHEL KAUFMAN (FOR EXPRESS)



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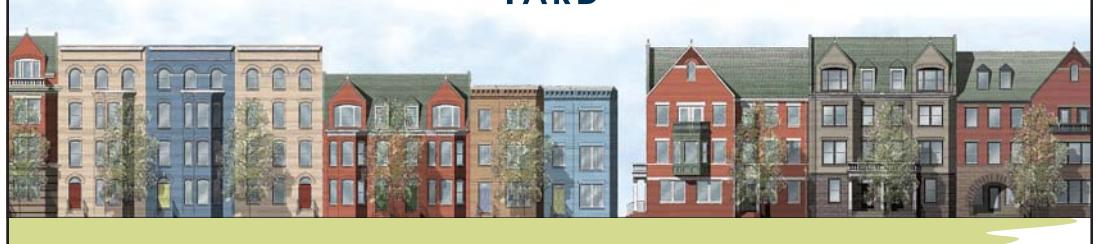
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The cousins aren't fans of granite or marble countertops, which they say can be porous and gather bacteria. They prefer to use newer, stronger materials like quartz, which requires less upkeep over the years.

Renovating Relatives

John Colaneri of HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins" creates spaces worthy of the family meal

John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino aren't afraid

to tear down walls or rip up floors to turn outdated, problem kitchens into meal-worthy spaces. The pair, who run a New Jersey-based family construction company, show off their demo and design skills on HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins." The second season premieres May 2 at 9:30 p.m. We spoke with Colaneri about easy kitchen fixes, his

aversion to trends and surviving a renovation.

What are some of the current trends for kitchens?

Everyone always asks us that, but Anthony and I, in all honesty, don't follow trends. We like to do and create our own ideas. But something a lot of people are doing is incorporating traditional style with contemporary style, sort of mixing the two. You can do that in many different ways. Maybe you have a more traditional countertop and a backsplash that has a more contemporary feel, or maybe cabinets with a more contemporary feel and lighting with a more traditional or rustic look. People want to make their kitchens unique.

Are there any alternatives to the ubiquitous granite countertops?

On "Kitchen Cousins," we talk about this with a lot of our clients. Nine times out of 10, they want granite or marble. And the

first thing we say is, "That's out." It's an old design trend, and those are older and inferior materials to what's new now. What we love to use is a quartz material. There are a lot of different suppliers; we use Caesarstone, Zodiaq, Silestone. It's a phenomenal and much superior product that's 100 percent nonporous.

When you buy a granite countertop — and it doesn't matter what grade it is — it's porous. You have to seal it every six months. If you don't seal it, you can have bacteria that can grow underneath the countertops that you never really see. When you have a quartz countertop, once it's installed you never have to worry about it again.

What do you consider the toughest kitchen problems to tackle?

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A backsplash in an unexpected color, like the dark rose here, adds a modern touch.

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Allie Hagan, 25, found an apartment that allowed her dog, a 50-pound German shepherd-Labrador mix named Freckles. There's even a dog park down the street.

A Lease With a Leash

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Lifestyle

When Allie Hagan, 25, went apartment-hunting, she was looking for the usual stuff: the right neighborhood and the right price. That's not as easy as you might think when your roommate is a 50-pound German shepherd-Labrador mix named Freckles.

Owning a pet in the city is no easy task, but finding a landlord who is willing to rent to you and your four-legged friend can be even more challenging. Pets can scratch, rip and tear walls and furniture, and to put it politely, they "have accidents." All of this can mean costly repairs for landlords.

As a result, only about half of nationwide rentals are pet-friendly, and most of those include significant restrictions on the size and breed of the animal, says Josh Franks, executive director of the Foundation for Interdisciplinary Research and Education Promoting Animal Welfare, a Houston-based nonprofit that educates the public on animal welfare issues.

Of the pet-friendly housing available, more buildings allow cats than dogs. It's especially difficult to find a home if you own a dog that weighs more than 40 pounds. But it's not impossible.

Hagan found a building in Capitol Hill owned by a small management company, with a yard out back and a dog park for Freckles right down the street.

Franks says renters with pets may have

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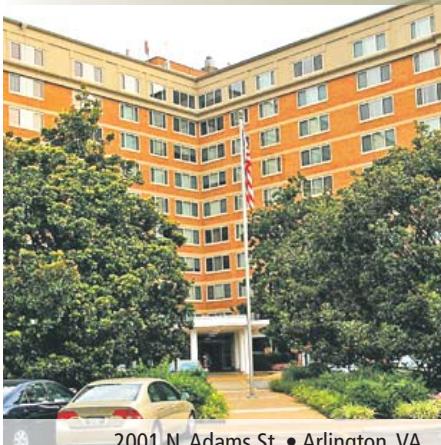
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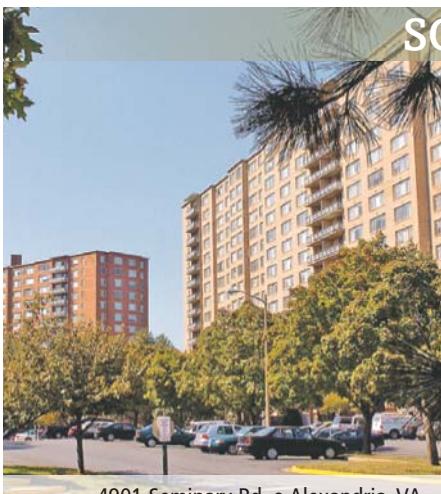
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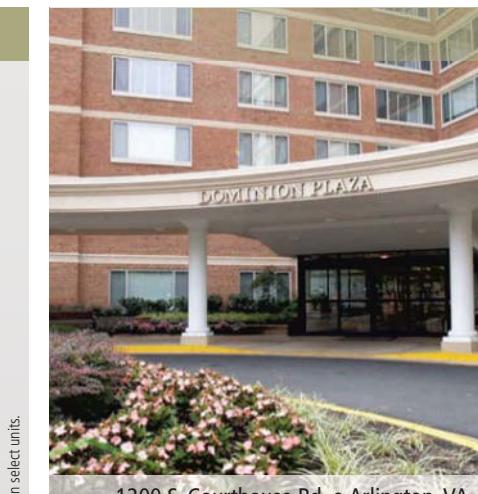
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Renting With Pets

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better luck leasing from small companies or private owners. "Independent landlords might have more ability to talk and negotiate than large complexes, which tend to have a pet policy set in place. So if you have a very large dog, you might be better off negotiating with a private owner," says Franks.

Even in larger buildings, more landlords are starting to figure out how to turn pets into a financial boon: They charge pet rent.

"There has definitely been a big increase in rentals that allow pets. [Landlords] just see that it's good revenue for them," says Alex Dobrow, president of People With Pets (Peoplewithpets.com), a website dedicated to easing the housing search for pet owners across the country.

Pet owners in the D.C. area can expect to pay between \$10 and \$50 in pet rent each month, says Dobrow. Most animal-friendly rentals also charge a non-refundable pet deposit, which can range anywhere from \$50 to several hundred dollars. That's typically in addition to your refundable security deposit.

Foundry Lofts (301 Tingey St. SE, 866-205-5860, Foundryloftsdc.com), an upscale industrial apartment building in Southeast D.C., is one of the few large complexes in the city that doesn't restrict the size of your pet. They charge a one-time, \$500 nonrefundable pet fee and \$50 a month in pet rent for



services are another option to help them get rid of that extra energy, particularly if you work long days, says Whiteman.

If you're planning to adopt a pet, think ahead about its needs. Before Alyssa Montchal, 24, brought home a cat, she checked with her landlord to make sure she was abiding by her building's pet policy. She also bought scratching posts to prevent scratches on the walls or furniture.

"Be proactive and think about what your animal might get in

A Walker to Remember

Love your dog, but have a job? Professionals with pets often turn to dog walkers to give their pooches daily exercise and a midday dose of attention.

"Exercise not only ensures greater mental and psychological health for the pets, but also reduces the likelihood of them causing damage to the home from nervous energy," said Paul Mann, CEO and founder of Fetch! Pet Care (Fetchpetcare.com), which has locations in D.C. and Maryland.

Many reputable walkers advertise at vets' offices or pet-friendly shops around town. An Internet search will turn up an abundance of good leads.

Look for sitters who are bonded, licensed and insured. "Ask what their safety protocols are," says Josh Smiroldo, a co-owner of Waggy Walkys (<http://waggywalkys.com>), which offers walking services in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Smiroldo also recommends asking prospective walkers for references and finding out how long they have been in business to avoid "fly-by-nighters."

Many walking services start off with an in-home consultation, so the walker can meet the pet and learn about his or her routine.

Most pet owners give the dog walker a spare key to get in during the day or leave a key with the doorman if they have one, Mann said. A.M.

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cats or dogs.

"We've decided to allow large dogs here because we have the Yards Park behind us and there is a little doggy park there as well," says assistant manager Sarah Swart. "People like to walk dogs around here, so offering the larger breed is definitely something that is appealing."

Pet owners need to think about more than dog parks when renting in the city. In tight urban quarters,

a pet's indoor behavior can affect neighbors.

Getting to know your neighbors is critical to preventing future conflicts, says Nicola Whiteman, vice president of government affairs in the D.C. Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington.

That's a lesson Allie Hagan learned quickly. Even exercise in the nearby dog park didn't stop Freckles from getting restless while

Hagan was at work. "My neighbor downstairs told me my dog was being loud during the day sometimes," she says. It turned out there was a simple fix. "I found out she just needed more toys during the work day."

Another easy fix for noisy pets: Consider area rugs or carpeted apartments to absorb the sound of your pet scampering over the floor, Whiteman says.

For energetic pups, walking

"There has definitely been a big increase in rentals that allow pets. [Landlords] just see that it's good revenue for them."

— ALEX DOBROW, PRESIDENT OF PEOPLE WITH PETS (PEOPLEWITHPETS.COM)

to," she says.

Montchal grew up with pets and missed having them when she moved to D.C. Still, she thought long and hard about whether she was ready for a pet before adopting her Calico/Tabby mix.

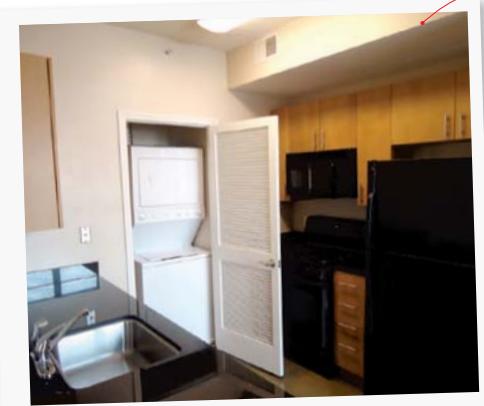
"I lived in my previous place about three months before I went ahead and got an animal to make sure I was secure in my own life and able to handle it," she says.

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DC	DC	The Saratoga Apartments 4601 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20008	The Saratoga Apartments, one of the premiere luxury apartment addresses on Connecticut Avenue, features studios, one-bedrooms, & two-bedroom apt homes. A short walk to Van Ness Metro, grocery store, numerous shops and restaurants. We have a host of comfort features such as stainless steel appliance upgrades, washer & dryer, 9 ft ceilings, pvt. balconies, dedicated customer svc. w/ 24-hr front desk	2 Bedrooms Starting at \$2795 888-309-1983 thesaratogadc.com			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DC	DC	The Overlook at Oxon Run 3700 9th St. SE Washington DC 20032	Move in by May 15th & receive half off first month's rent. 1 & 2 BRs for immediate move-in. Close to Green Line. 1 BRs. \$950. 2 BRs \$1075. Income restrictions and tax credit property. More info, ask for Chris Garner	1 BR, 2 BR starting at \$950 202-373-1900		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DC	DC	Banneker Place 3738 D St., SE Washington, DC 20019	The apartment homes at Banneker Place feature an array of modern amenities and many extras for your convenience. Choose from a variety of living spaces designed to meet your every need. You'll be close to transportation, shopping, and great entertainment. Call today to make Banneker Place your new home!	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$640 866-724-4089	X	X	X		X		X					
DC	DC	River Hill Apartments 2942 2nd St., SE Washington, DC 20032	River Hill Apartments was created for those who know what they want out of life! Our elegant homes of distinction provide carefree living with personalized service. You'll be surrounded by natural beauty and vitality. With our central location, you are just minutes from fine dining, shopping and recreation. With features such as a swimming pool and a playground, you'll be living the good life.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$724 888-718-2778		X	X		X		X					
DC		1715 Minnesota Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020	Spacious 1 BRs \$775 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors	1 BR Starting at \$760 Call Gene Watson 301-589-6000 x409		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	

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MD	MD	Penn Southern 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at \$830 866-810-0275 pennsouthern.com	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
MD	MD	Addison Chapel 1525 Elkwood Lane Capitol Heights, MD 20743	• Newly remodeled apts. with designer finishes. • Separate dining areas, spacious living rooms • Complete ceramic tile kitchens, baths • Convenient to Deanwood Metro, bus at door • All utils. included for a small fee • Cats welcome	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$869 888-745-1719 leasing@addisonchapelapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD	MD	Fox Club 1935 Brooks Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743	Ideally located in a charming, wooded setting just off Marlboro Pike, Fox Club has spacious, elegant apartment interiors. The Addison Rd. & Capitol Heights Metro Stations are just a short ride away. Shopping has never been more convenient with Penn Mar and Forest Village Shopping Centers close-by.	1,2,3 BRs, some w/Den Starting at \$930 301-637-5787 gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X						
MD	MD	North Park Avenue Apartments 4615 North Park Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 20815	* Conveniently located just inside of the Beltway * Steps from areas most exclusive shops including the Mazza Gallerie * Approximately 3 miles from Georgetown * Call for current specials	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1,915 240-752-9004 northparkave.com	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD	MD	Seven Springs Village 3910 Cherry Hill Road College Park, MD 20740	All utilities included! Live the good life at Seven Springs Village. Spacious and newly renovated apt. homes with stylish kitchens, walk-in closets and the best location in College Park! UMD and Metro Shuttles right at your doorstep!	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs From the \$1000's 888-419-1169 SevenSpringsVillage.com	X	X	X		X	X				X		
MD	MD	Oakcrest Towers 2100 Brooks Drive Forestville, MD 20747	2011 PACE APARTMENT COMMUNITY "EXCELLENCE" AWARD WINNER. Picture yourself swimming in our resort style pool, playing a game of tennis or simply enjoying the view from your balcony or our Wi-fi terrace. First class fitness center; comfort and convenience minutes from the city, military bases & the Capital Beltway. Large renovated apartments, abundant closet space, exquisite details and much more.	Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs 2 BR/2 BA, 2 BR w/Den Starting at \$739 888-831-7065 oakcresttowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD	MD	The Residences of Suitland Parks 6501 Hil-Mar Drive Forestville, MD 20747	This Property is situated on a quiet creek with wide open spaces and a park like setting. Easy access to I-495, Suitland Parkway and Metro. They offer a full array of recreational and social opportunities.	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting at \$805 240-289-2950 suitlandparkapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MD	MD	Penn Landing Apartment Homes 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes 240-289-2955 pennlandingapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD	MD	Charlestowne North 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	Welcome home to Charlestowne North. Located in a serene wooded setting, this fully-loaded high-rise gives you: -Fully renovated apartments with stylish kitchens, new balconies and lots of space. -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting from the \$1300s 877-883-1105 CharlestowneNorth.com	X	X	X					X	X		X	X
MD		Glen Oaks 7509 Mandan Road Greenbelt, MD 20770	All Utilities are included at Greenbelt's premier community—Glen Oaks Apartments! Huge, stunningly-renovated apartment homes give you all the amenities you crave, including your own washer and dryer, lots of closets, and high-end finishes. Even enjoy full use of the Greenbriar Country Club!	1, 2, 3 BRs From the \$1,500s 888-458-3455 GlenOaksApts.com							X	X			X	X

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MD	MD	Marlborough House 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the Southern difference. Cats allowed with pet rent.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$935 888-347-6956	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
MD	MD	Carriage Hill Apartments 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's \$985-\$1465 888-341-7613 carriageapts.net	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
MD	MD	University City 2213 University Blvd. E Hyattsville, MD 20747	Convenient to Downton DC, the Capital Beltway (95/495), Univ. of MD, and 2 Metro Stations! Newly renovated with generous living rooms, hardwood floors and ample closets. Walk to grocery stores, shopping & restaurants. On the UMD shuttle bus route (approx. 1.5 miles). Cats allowed, and utilities included for a small fee. Free, off-street parking. Se Habla Espanol. (prices based on availability)	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$869 888-276-6289 universitycityapts.com	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
MD	MD	Toledo Plaza 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordably priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1304 240-696-4600 toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD	MD	Belcrest Plaza 3400 Toledo Terrace Hyattsville, MD 20782	Belcrest Plaza combines a beautiful wooded setting with the convenience of Metrorail & the Mall at Prince Georges directly across the street. Located just minutes from downtown DC & the Univ. of Md. with bus service for both! Convenient to the Beltway and B/W Parkway	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs some w/Den Starting at \$827 301-637-7539 Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD	MD	Overlook Apartments 1507 Ray Road Hyattsville, MD 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details.	1, 2 BRs from the \$1080's 888-414-5572 TheOverlookApts.com	X	X		X	X	X	X					
MD	MD	Summer Ridge 1829 Belle Haven Drive Hyattsville, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 MONTH FREE! • Free Business Center • Free After School Program • Electronic Bldg. Entry System • Maximum Income Requirements • Credit & Criminal Screening Required 	1, 2, 3 BRs 866-507-2283 summerridgeapartments.net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
MD		Kings Square Apartments 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly renovated apartments • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school within walking distance • Walk to Metro and the new Wegmans! <p>FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)</p>	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$835 877-219-5017	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
MD		Maple Ridge 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property <p>All in an excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)</p>	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$875 877-219-5026	X	X	X	X				X	X			
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro busstop on the community. Newly renovated 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2 BRs, 2BR TH's starting at \$925 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com	X		X	X	X	X					X	

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MD	MD	Crestleigh Apartments 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	<p>Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans.</p> <p>We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel.</p>	1BR, 2BR Starting from the \$1,000s (877) 804-6217 CrestleighApts.com	X X X		X X		X X		
MD	MD	Montpelier Crossing 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	<p>Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking. 	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at \$960 240-547-2113 montpeliercrossing.com	X X X X		X X		X		
MD	MD	Queenstown Apartments 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	<p>Welcome to a small taste of good living! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come have peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments!</p> <p>Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments including free gas, on-site security, fitness/business center, after school program, and 5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount!</p>	1, 2 BRs 888-726-1862 queenstownapts.com	X X		X X X X X				
MD	MD	Colonial Village 908 Marcy Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	<p>LOCATION, SPACE, VALUE! Located minutes from Metro, the Beltway, downtown D.C. and Virginia. A lovely garden community one minute from the renovated Eastover shopping center. Walk to elementary school and 5 minutes to Metro. Minutes to the National Harbor Large balconies/patios</p>	1,2,3 BRs Starting at \$830 877-219-5035	X X X X X X X X						X
MD	MD	Portabello Apartments 6441 Livingston Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745	<p>Spacious apartments and townhomes with unique living spaces, large floorplans, balconies and patios. Walk-in closets and FREE intrusion alarms . Conveniently located near the National Harbor. Portabello--where quality and comfort meet!</p>	1,2,3BRs some w/Dens, 3BR THs Starting at \$934 301-850-1767 portabelloapartments.com	X X X X X		X				X
MD	MD	Southview 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	<p>Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!</p>	Studio, 1, 2, 3BR's Starting at \$753 888-414-6645 southviewapts.com	X X X X X X X X X						X
MD	MD	Oxon Hill Village 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	<p>Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floor-plans, free services and amenities including a fitness center, indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.</p>	1BR- 3BR's Starting at \$1050 888-512-6025	X X X X X X X X		X		X		X
MD	MD	Parkview Gardens 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	<p>Parkview Gardens is a gated community with updated apartments including granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. Indoor and outdoor pools! An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ■ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT 	1,2,3 BRs start at \$915 877-219-5030	X X X X X X X X		X X				
MD	MD	Halpine View 13013 Crookston Lane Rockville, MD 20851	<p>Welcome to Halpine View Apartments, a naturally beautiful community in the heart of Rockville. Conveniently located, Twinbrook Metro is just three blocks from your door. And while the setting feels far away you're really no more than a bike ride from White Flint Mall or Congressional Plaza. The perfect Rockville address. A picture-perfect community.</p>	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1051 301-850-1768 gradymgt.com	X X X X X X X X X						X
MD	MD	Gables/Upper Rock 5 Choke Cherry Rd. Suite 180 Rockville, MD 20850	<p>Rockville's Newest Community! Move-in by June 30th and Receive 1 Month Free Rent!* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Free shuttle to Shady Grove Metro. Runs every 20 minutes! •Featuring hardwood floors, sleek kitchens, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, & more! •Amazing amenities include outdoor fire pit w/cinema screen, fitness center w/yoga studio, saline pool! </p>	Studio - 2BR's Starting at \$1560 877-757-8566 gables.com/upperrock	X X X		X X X X X X				X

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MD		Metro 710 710 Roeder Road Silver Spring, MD 20910	All Utilities Included! Stunning, newly renovated luxury apartments in the heart of downtown Silver Spring. Just blocks to Metro and all the shopping and dining of this vibrant locale. Granite Counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and Washer/Dryers in each apartment! No app fee/ \$100 gift card at move-in* - see sales agent for details.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs starting fr. the \$1,300s 888-436-1755 Metro710Apts.com	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
MD		The Chateau 9727 Mt. Pisgah Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20506	All utilities included, newly renovated roomate style 2 bedrooms, UMD shuttle on-site, 24hr front desk service, short term leases available, Verizon Fios, walk-in closets, 24hr fitness center, Olympic size swimming pool, excellent customer service.	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1175 888-377-4216 chateau.net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD		Nob Hill 9120 Piney Branch Rd Silver Spring, MD 20903	Beautiful garden community featuring studios, one bedroom, 1 bedroom + den, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments homes. Updated appliances + new energy efficient windows. Close to shopping & downtown Silver Spring.	Studios - 3BR's Starting at \$875 877-392-4203 nobhillapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		Hillbrooke Towers 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Ride-on Bus at your door. Minutes away from restaurants, movies, theaters and parks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 Security Deposit (w/good credit) • Housing Vouchers Welcome 	1, 3 BRs Starting at \$950 888-833-9784											X	X
MD		Windsor Court and Tower 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL! 	1 & 2 BRs Starting at \$999 888-255-6159	X	X			X		X	X	X			
MD		Waterford Towers 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!	1,2,3 BRs From low \$1300's 888-544-7357 WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
MD		Winexburg Manor 2301 Glenallen Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906	Discover an extraordinary residential community where garden & mid-rise apt homes are grand in scale & exceptional in design. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 acres of greenery & recreational activities • state-of-the art Fitness Center • free aerobic classes • swimming pool and sundeck 	Studio, 1, 2 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1064 301-850-1767 gradymgt.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
MD		Glenmont Forest 2386 Glenmont Circle Silver Spring, MD 20902	At Glenmont Forest Apts, a world of conveniences await you. Shopping at Glenmont Center and Wheaton Plaza Mall just a short distance away, as is Wheaton Regional Park & Glenmont Metrorail Station. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Wheelchair access • Hi-speed internet available 	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1019 301-637-5785 Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		Capital Crossing 3930 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746	Open House April 28th 9am-4pm Waived Application Fee, Balloon Pops and Special Giveaways! One Bedrooms available immediately !! Call today to find out how you can get up to one month free on your new apartment PLUS a very special move in gift!	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$920 888-348-1026 williamcsmith.com	X	X			X		X			X		
MD		Silver Hill Apartments 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, Md. 20746	Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. Call today to see your new home at Silver Hill Apts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Low Security Deposit • Move in for \$499 + deposit. (call for details) 	1,1 & 2BRs start at \$755 1 & 2BRs start at \$755 888-513-2042	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	

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MD		Belford Towers 6733 New Hampshire Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912	Our apartments boast wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, and vertical blinds. intercom access on site security.	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$970 888-420-4302 Beaconmanagement.com	X X X X X X X X		X
MD		Hunters Glen Apartments 14210 Slidell Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Villages of Marlborough. Well manicured landscaping, perfect location near historical sites, shopping, dining & entertainment. * Clubhouse with Fitness Center * Swimming Pool, Large Sundeck	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting from \$1465 888-627-3012 bozzuto.com	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		Del Ray Central 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305	A luxurious brand new community with a small town main street feeling. Experience shopping and dining at its best with a variety of specialty boutiques and locally owned restaurants. On Mt. Vernon Ave, moments from D.C. and right between Crystal City and Old Town.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs w/ dens Starting at \$1830 864-365-2138 delraycentral.com	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		Lloyd Apartments 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1175 240-455-5467 lloydapartments.com	X X X X X X X X		
VA		The Alexander 4390 King Street Alexandria, VA 22302	Our Collection of pet-friendly studio, one and two - bed apartments is near the Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations and our free shuttle makes commuting a breeze.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1400 571-257-2630 thealexanderapts.riverstoner.es.com	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		The Aventine of Alexandria 2801 Park Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22302	Luxury hi-rise living with no amenity spared! Oversized renovated apartment homes w/stunning views; Too many closets to count! Shuttles to Metro & BRAC at Mark Center at your doorstep. • Sparkling Pool • Dog Park • On-Site Deli	1, 2, 3 BRs From the \$1300s 877-939-3759 TheAventineofAlexandria.com	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		Glebe House 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studios, 1 BRs start at \$954 240-455-3567 glebehouse.net	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		Kings Gardens Apartments 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	King Gardens Apartments 1,2, 3 bedrooms available starting from \$1165.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at \$1165 866-980-9358 kgleasing@smcmail.com	X X X X X X X X		X
VA		Southern Towers 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrorbus accessible • No security deposit & move-in fees • Spacious floorplans	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$920 703-485-4154 southerntowersapts.com	X X X X X X X X		
VA		Southport 6112 Edsall Road Alexandria, VA 22304	Southport is a large, quiet & comfortable 22-acre community in a park-like setting. We pay gas & water. Amenities include: • fitness center/sauna • grand size pool/clubhouse • playground	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens 703-835-9402 gradymgt.com	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X		

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State	City	Community Name	Address	Description	Phone	Website	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included
								X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
VA	Alexandria	The Strand of Alexandria	420 Yoakum Parkway Alexandria, VA 22304	Connect with a newly renovated apartment in sought-after Alexandria at The Strand! Not only do our luxury apartments give you all the space you need, plus some amazing views...but our community is loaded with extras. From the refreshing pool and sundeck to the deluxe clothes care center with free Wi-Fi, we have it all at The Strand. Check out one of our two fitness centers and enjoy free parking.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the \$1000s 866-717-4451 thestrandoalexandria.com		X	X	X			X	X		X		
VA	Alexandria	Park Vue of Alexandria	511 Four Mile Road Alexandria, VA 22305	Luxury high-rise living—at Park Vue of Alexandria! With newly renovated apartment homes featuring many windows and lovely views, Park Vue Apartments is Alexandria's best-kept secret! With a new state-of-the-art fitness center and gated parking, get what you want at Park Vue. Near BRAC at Mark Center, Metro and DC. Call today to find out why Park Vue of Alexandria is the best place to call home!	Studio, 1BR, 2BR From the \$1119 (877) 279-1655 ParkVueApts.com		X	X		X	X	X		X			
VA	Annandale	The Parliaments	7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	All Utilities included Central Air & Heat Huge Walk-in Closets Pets Welcome Very Spacious Apartments	1, 2, 3BRs Starting at \$1130 866-796-5301 parliaments@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
VA	Arlington	The Buchanan	320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms starting at \$1,335 240-348-1803 www.buchananapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA	Arlington	Dominion Plaza	1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, Virginia 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall carpeting, as available ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center 	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at \$1105 703-436-1516 dominionplazaapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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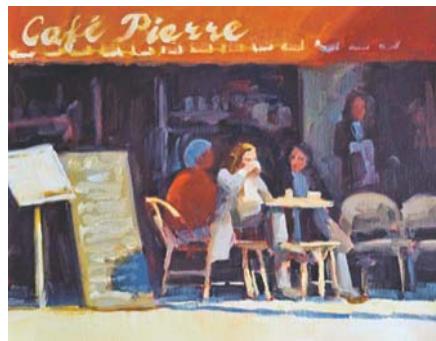
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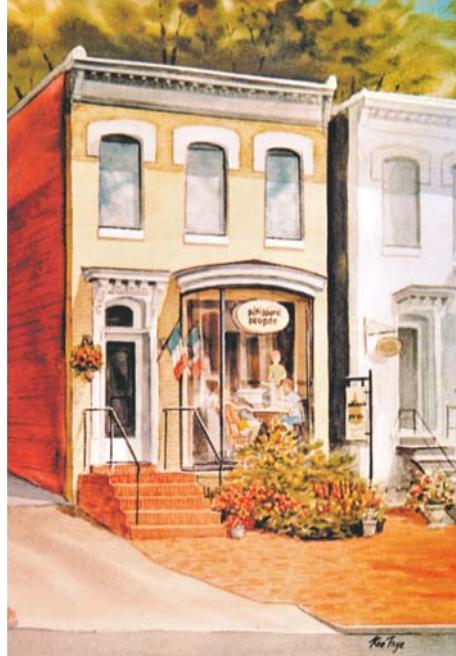


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new. We don't mix and match and try to use what's there. We've seen a lot of cases where there are a lot of fire hazards behind the walls that are really huge potential problems, and the people living there for many years never knew.

What are some of the easiest fixes that a handy homeowner could address him- or herself?

A backsplash is very easy; it's really just kind of a weekend project. You can go to any of your local hardware stores or a tile supply house and find hundreds of different tiles. Some even come on 12 by 12 inch sheets that are very easy to put up. All you need is some thin-set [mortar], a trowel and the tile. You can also easily change out a couple of pendant lights or a chandelier; it's very easy to do and will definitely change your kitchen. You can also change out the hardware on your doors.

How do you know what to leave to the professionals?

I'm for people doing their own projects, but they really shouldn't get involved in any of the heavy mechanical, plumbing or main electrical components. They might think they saw it on TV or someone told them how to do it, but if they do it incorrectly, it could cause some severe problems. When you leave it to the pros, they know what's up to code and what's right from wrong.

What can an updated kitchen add to the value of your home?

What we're seeing right now,



Colaneri says homeowners can re-tile their backsplash themselves in a weekend.



COURTESY HGTV

"Anthony and I, in all honesty, don't follow trends. We like to do and create our own ideas."

— JOHN COLANERI, LEFT, WHO WITH HIS COUSIN ANTHONY CARRINO, RIGHT, TURNS BLAH KITCHENS INTO BEAUTIFUL MODERN SPACES ON HGTV'S "KITCHEN COUSINS." THE SHOW'S SECOND SEASON PREMIERES ON MAY 2 AT 9:30 P.M.

because the real estate market hasn't been good, is that a lot of people instead of trying to move are putting more equity back into where they live, which we think is a great idea. It's better to update your home and actually enjoy it while you're living there. And if you're looking to get that equity and make your house attractive, the kitchen is the first place to do it. It's always said that kitchens and baths are what sell a house.

If you're renovating before putting your home on the market, what should you be sure to do?

A lot of times people say they're only going to do the cabinets, not the countertops. They try to kind of piecemeal it together. What we

tell people is that if you're going to have a renovation and do your kitchen over, really make sure that it's cohesive. You don't want your kitchen to look like it's been thrown together. And you often end up, in the end, spending more money than if you did everything at once.

What's the key to surviving a kitchen renovation?

Expect the unexpected. If you open up the walls, I will guarantee that nine times out of 10 you will find something you never thought was there. If you're budgeting out for any project, you should always have a contingency. If the project is going to cost \$40,000, have a 5 percent contingency for things you don't know or for something that doesn't go as planned. In construction, you always have some-

thing that comes up that's going to cost you more money in the end. If you're prepared for it in the beginning, it makes issues much easier to handle.

How can homebuyers see the potential in an ugly kitchen?

Don't just look at the ugly cabinets or floors; all of that stuff can easily come out. Look at the overall design of the house. If the kitchen lends itself to where you can knock down a couple of non-load-bearing walls and you can open the kitchen up to the living room or dining room, the possibilities are endless. And if you can get a steal for a property, you can go in and, with the money you saved on the sale side, you can reinvest and put it back into the kitchen.

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Real Estate

Chalk it up to allergies: Spring makes people itchy to move. To help match buyers and sellers, Realtors' associations are sponsoring the third annual Nationwide Open House (Realtor.org/topics/nationwideopenhouse). On April 28 and 29, sellers across the country will open their homes, making it easier for buyers to check out multiple properties. Organizers expect



Jill Landsman

Members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) and the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors are hosting in the D.C. area. We asked NVAR's Jill Landsman to help buyers navigate the terrain.

Why is this time of year busy for the real estate market?

People are planning ahead. They look to move 30, 60 or 90 days later and with the fact that schools close in June, people think, "Let's let our children finish out the school year and we'll move in the summer."

Is it really a good time to sell?

If you look at the real estate data in Northern Virginia, all the metrics are up. The only metric that's not really up a lot is number of houses on the market. We do have year-over-year gains in the number of homes sold and year-over-year gains in the average sale price, which is a trend that shows a positive local economy.



This weekend's Nationwide Open House opens lots of doors for home buyers.

Why hold an open house?

The main reason Realtors recommend an open house is to create traffic, and there is a good chance that people will have an opportunity to fall in love with a property and really know the neighborhood. You can go and do a virtual tour online any time of the day, but you're not getting a sense of the neighborhood.

With so many open houses, is it possible to overdo it?

If you looked at too many houses, at the end of the day, you're not going to remember. Make your list at the beginning of the day for which houses you want to tour and try and create a plan that makes sense to get to them so that you have a strategy and a logic to the sequence of the homes.

How else can buyers prepare?

Take notes and make sure you note what you liked and didn't like about a home. What each prospective buyer needs to do is study the neighborhood, and then if they really love what's available in the neighborhood, then you drill down on "Does this house meet my needs and requirements?" There's always going to have to be a little bit of compromise because nothing in life is perfect.

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Have the three of you always had an interest in music?

NEMAN: Music has always been a big part of our lives. When we opened the original Sweetgreen, there was

a huge debate over what song we'd play first. We went with Robot Rock by Daft Punk.

Where did you get the idea for the Sweetlife festival?

JAMMET: When we opened our second store, it wasn't doing very well. So we went to the Guitar Center and bought a big speaker and started DJing outside every weekend. It became more than just food: People got to know us and heard music they loved or had never heard before but liked. After a few block parties, we decided to throw a festival in our parking lot.

How will this year's festival be different from last year's?

RU: We're placing a greater emphasis on food. We've brought together our favorite chefs from the East

Coast; people who love our mission. The "Food Forest" will give people the opportunity to eat local ingredients. And there will be hamburgers and hot dogs, but they're organic and from sources we trust.

NEMAN: Last year there was one stage, and this year there's two with more than 20 bands.

JAMMET: And this year there will

"We're trying to show people they can drink organic beer ... and still have a good time at a rock concert."

be shuttles all over the city that will make getting to Merriweather Post Pavilion seamless.

Who would be your dream act?

JAMMET: LCD Soundsystem.

NEMAN: White Stripes.

RU: Daft Punk.

What measures are you taking to make the festival green?

JAMMET: There are solar panels on top of the stage. Everything will be compostable. You'll see "energy zones," like a huge seesaw that you can get on and charge your phone with the energy generated. And concertgoers can redeem trash they've collected for prizes like bottles of Honest Tea or a recycled wallet.

How did you manage to make collecting trash cool?

JAMMET: We try not to be preachy about our message of living the sweet life. It means making healthy decisions and having fun at the same time. We're trying to show people they can drink organic beer, eat a sustainable meal and still have a really good time at a rock concert.

HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

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The Manolo felt confident as he carried the bundles of fresh tissue paper to the stock boys in the front, because he knew all of the customers were admiring the beautiful two-tone, black-and-white spectator oxfords that the Manolo wore on that first day in his new position.

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WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: Ayn Rand fans: objectivists, libertarians, "free-thinkers," anyone who thinks poor people are only poor because they're less virtuous.

DETAILS: Free to browse. In order to view photos and contact people you must purchase a \$10/month subscription; 15,000 profiles; Theatlasphere.com.

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT: "I am the most honest person I know. I am somewhat like Howard Roark, people will be nice to me to my face but some people describe me (mostly behind my back) as 'too logical,' 'doesn't recognise the human side of things,' 'has to have a reason for everything he says and does,' 'stubborn, difficult, 'doesn't just go with the flow' and 'too idealistic. I am quite different than most people."

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: Everyone has to pay for their own food, preferably in gold.

CUPIDTINO

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: Apple fanboys. Apple fangirls. People who solve bar fights using iPhones and talk about how their dating website has an "uncluttered interface" and have "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish" tattooed on their wrists.

DETAILS: \$4.79 a month (changes with the price of a venti mocha lite in the Cupertino Starbucks); 30,000 have signed up; Cupidtino.com.

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT: "**I listen to tech podcasts more than music ... I play disc golf when I can, and I'm an avid geocacher.**"

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: You'd probably FaceTime for a couple of hours before timidly looking up from your iPads and ordering venti mocha lites.



DATE GINGER

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: Ginger supremacists, people who had enormous childhood crushes on Jean Grey from "X-Men" or Josie of "Josie and the Pussycats."

DETAILS: Free to browse profiles, chat with other members, send messages and write a "dating diary" for a \$30/month subscription; DateGinger.com.

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITH A LITTLE BIT OF COMMENT: "rad." (That was an entire profile.)

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: It depends if you wind up with an actual ginger (in which case it's just a normal date but you both carry sunshades) or just someone looking to date a ginger (in which case they will probably ask to touch your hair, and it will be creepy).



FARMERS ONLY

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: Down-home country guys and women who know how to shoe a horse. You do not have to own or work on a farm to join, so city mice with horse and buggy fantasies should feel free to take a look.

DETAILS: Free to sign up and browse. To send personal messages you'll have to pay \$16 per month (or \$50 for 6 months); the site claims to have more than 100,000 members; Farmersonly.com.

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT:

"I am tired of this internet dating ... if you can even call it that. Someone needs to COWBOY UP and BE that ONE."

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: Once around the park in the tractor, driver, and keep your eyes on the road.

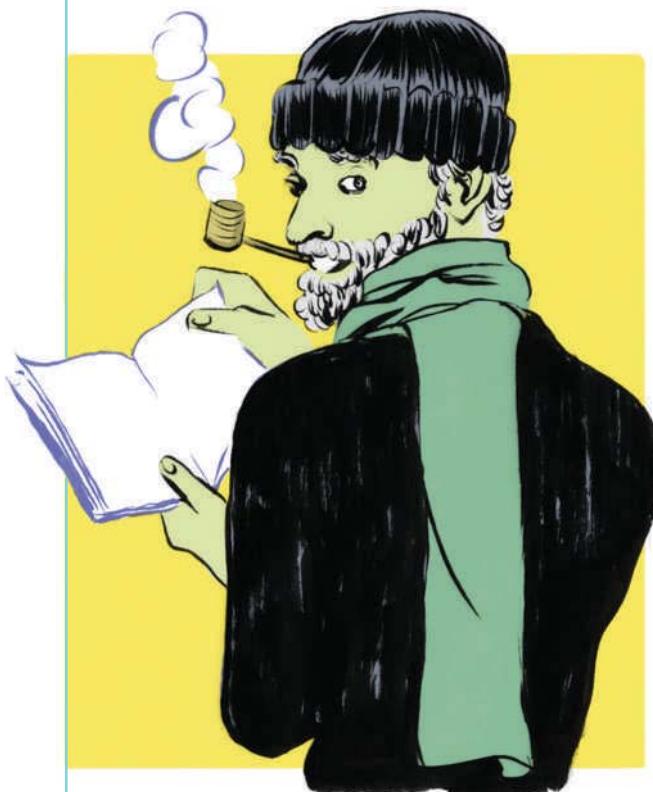
HAUNTED LOVE

None of these websites caters to the single largest demographic in history: the dead. Ghostsingles.com allows you to search for other lonely ghosts, specifying whether they died "horribly," "mysteriously," "tragically" or "suddenly." The site is free, but you have to be dead first. Ghosts are tied to the place where they died, so a date might be hard, unless you find a cute coffee shop where a lot of people suspiciously went missing. Ghostsingles.com enables chat with other ghosts, but it's mostly random Internet mortals saying "lol."

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ALIKEWISE

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: People who define themselves by what they like rather than what they are like. Which, incidentally, is a reference to a book. If you know which one, maybe we should date. When you join, you name books that you think represent your taste and browse other people's profiles by searching for books and authors they like.



DETAILS: Free, but may start charging for "certain features" at some point; [Alikewise.com](#).

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT:

On "Infinite Jest": "My first exposure to David Foster Wallace, and one which yields up new insights on every rereading. It bugs me, though, when he mangles the math."

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: "So, what have you been reading lately?"

TREK PASSIONS

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: Though it's clearly aimed at "Star Trek" fanatics, most geeks have multiple geek interests, and you can find enthusiasts of "Star Wars," "Battlestar Galactica" and "Doctor Who" here as well.

DETAILS: Free; [Trekpassions.com](#).

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT:

"Salutations [insert name]! You have just stumbled across my obligatory description section! [ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED] Welcome. I am a carbon-based student currently attending college on an utterly insignificant little blue-green planet whose ape-descended life forms are so amazingly primitive that they still think social networking sites are a pretty neat idea."



WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: Speaking Klingon is for casual fans. You'll flirt in Ferengi, the constructed language of the less-popular alien people of Ferenginar.



BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: People who desperately need you to tell them they're beautiful. This, in case you were wondering, is the road to happiness. To browse, you have to create a profile and upload a photo, then wait 48 hours while other members vote on whether you're hot enough to join.

DETAILS: Free; [Beautifulpeople.com](#).

REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITH A LITTLE COMMENT:

"Live is short, to be boring"
(This is not a typo.)

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: "You're prettier in your pictures." "You talk a lot." Strolling to the reflecting pool and staring at ourselves so intently that we fall in.

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WHO YOU'LL MEET HERE: People who are proud of their ability to grow a mustache, and others who've always secretly wanted to date a Civil War general. You can sort results by mustache styles — Walrus, Pencil, Fu Manchu, etc.

DETAILS: Free; [Stachepassions.com](#).



REPRESENTATIVE SENTENCE, PRESENTED WITHOUT COMMENT:

"I am looking for a girl that can love my moustache as much as me."

WHAT WE'D EXPECT FROM A DATE: It's going to tickle when you kiss him.

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Teaching Moment

When I was a high-school teacher, I lived near enough to the school that I would occasionally see my students out and about, living their daily lives — or, in the case when I saw my very-much-not-21 pupil in a bar, living their weekend lives. It was always a little awkward (never more so

than when I ran into two students in the grocery store and all I had in my cart was red wine and kitty litter).

Usually in classroom-centric films, the instructor delivers a moving speech that informs his students about his motivation for teaching. That's not the case in Philippe Falardeau's "Monsieur Lazhar," an extraordinary French Canadian film that opens tomorrow. Lazhar is an Algerian immigrant hired to teach an elementary-school class after the former teacher hangs herself. While we see very little of Lazhar's life outside of school, we do see brief images that show a quietly lonely man who leaves as small of a footprint as possible. And yet, in these short moments, we get a more complete picture of the teacher as a man than we ever did in "Dead Poets Society" or any other teacher film.

The shots of Lazhar at home really prove that pictures can be worth thousands of words. I only wonder what the image of me, my kitty litter and my wine revealed to those students in the Safeway.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

Well Worth the Wait

Segel's 'The Five-Year Engagement' is as sweet and delightful as it is brutally honest

Film Review

Is Jason Segel a man or a Muppet?

In "The Five-Year Engagement," a running sight gag has the enormously adorable comic actor dressed in a pink bunny suit, which his character Tom wore to the New Year's Eve party where he met Violet (Emily Blunt). She's dressed as a comely, doe-eyed Princess Di, and it's no wonder that the two hit it off. Precisely one year later, as "The Five-Year Engagement" opens, Tom proposes to Violet in one of the cut-

As the leading couple, Blunt and Segel affect an easygoing, mildly naughty banter.

est marry-me sequences staged in recent movie history.

In fact, the first 45 minutes or so of "The Five-Year Engagement," which Segel co-wrote with director Nicholas Stoller, pop and zing with both comic fizz and refreshing authenticity. Set to a delicious soundtrack dominated by Van Morrison standards, Tom and Violet's lives feel more real than the usual Hollywood confections, with Tom working as a sous chef in a tony San Francisco restaurant and Violet anxiously awaiting acceptance to a grad-school psychology department.

As the leading couple, Blunt and Segel affect an easygoing, mildly naughty banter, and they're surrounded by terrific supporting players: Alison Brie, as Violet's sister Suzie, nails the gnarly technical challenge of delivering a tearful engagement toast at a prenuptial party, and moments later Chris



Jason Segel, left, and Emily Blunt, right, develop a believable chemistry onscreen.

The Five-Year Engagement (R)

- **Director:** Nicholas Stoller
- **Stars:** Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Chris Pratt, Alison Brie
- **In a Nutshell:** An engaged couple's wedding keeps getting delayed, year after year, by various circumstances in each other's lives.
- **For Fans of:** "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "The Muppets"

Pratt, as Tom's best friend Alex, delivers an equally funny, wildly inappropriate encomium, then proceeds to steal every scene he's in.

"The Five-Year Engagement" hits a speed bump right when Tom and Violet do, after they move to Michigan for Violet's post-doc appointment. Tom can't find a job and winds up making sandwiches at the legendary Zingerman's Deli; Violet comes under the sway of a flashy psych professor and the two begin



Hidden Talents

Alison Brie, above, who plays Pete Campbell's wife, Trudy, on "Mad Men" and Annie Edison on "Community" adopted a British accent as Emily Blunt's sister in "The Five-Year Engagement." She did it, the actress told New York Magazine, by "stalking Blunt like a psychopath and just standing near her and mumbling whatever she was saying." Brie was so convincing that producer Judd Apatow didn't even realize the accent was fake: "I was shocked, because I love her on 'Mad Men' and I didn't even make the connection," he told the magazine. (EXPRESS)

to grow apart. This is the blue period most romantic comedies gloss over with attractively sad montage sequences set to torchy ballads.

But instead of rushing toward resolution, Segel and Stoller dig in, giving Tom's deepening depression increasingly alarming physical cues, from a set of unruly lamb chop facial whiskers to the now-filthy bunny suit, which he wears on particularly aimless days. Trapped in the dreary snow banks of Ann Arbor, at least, Segel is definitely a Muppet.

Because it's so willing to drill down into Tom and Violet's misery, the film involves a higher grim-to-grin ratio than its fluffier brethren. But there's an unmistakable ring of truth to the couple's conflicts and mixed feelings. Even at its darkest and weirdest, "The Five-Year Engagement" seems intent on being as sweet as it is brutally honest.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Plunder Games

'The Pirates! Band of Misfits' is a wacky, charming adventure

Film Review

Don't let the title fool you. "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" is not set on the high seas, and its main characters are pirates in name only.

That last part, in this case, is literally true. The charmingly goofy animated feature — a welcome return by Aardman Animations to its signature clay-animation style — features characters known only as the Pirate Captain, the Pirate With Gout, the Albino Pirate, etc. Aside from wearing tricorn hats and other accoutrements of the buccaneer lifestyle, this motley crew might as well be any old 19th-century street gang with a galleon. The day-to-day business of pirating — plundering, running people through — they're not so good at.

This is why their chances of winning the Pirate of the Year award do not look great.



Aardman Animations returns to claymation for "The Pirates! Band of Misfits."

The Pirates! Band Of Misfits (PG)

- **Directors:** Peter Lord, Jeff Newitt
- **Stars:** Hugh Grant, Salma Hayek, Jeremy Piven
- **In a Nutshell:** Pirate Captain sets out on a mission to defeat his rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz for the Pirate of the Year award.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

"The Pirates!" is built around the premise of a reality-TV-style contest between the Pirate Captain (voiced by Hugh Grant) and three other blackguards: Black Bellamy (Jeremy Piven), Cutlass Liz (Salma Hayek) and Peg Leg Hastings.

But after that somewhat sluggish setup, the movie quickly — and giddily — sets sail for even wackier waters. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Tell-Tale Signs Of a Bad Idea

Film Review

See the right promotional photo of John Cusack playing Edgar Allan Poe in "The Raven," and it briefly looks like a good idea: The high forehead, the shadowed eyes — there's enough of a resemblance to tantalize. If Hollywood's going to turn the author who invented detective fiction into a crime fighter himself, perhaps this is our guy.

But then Edgar Allan Poe walks into a bar and starts talking, and we immediately understand why Cusack is not known for playing men who lived before 1984.



John Cusack resembles Edgar Allan Poe in "The Raven" — until he speaks.

Nothing in the actor's cadence suggests he has changed to blend in with the story's 1849 setting. The unconvincing dialogue makes little

The Raven (R)

- **Director:** James McTeigue
- **Stars:** John Cusack
- **In a Nutshell:** When a madman begins committing horrific murders inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's works, a young Baltimore detective joins forces with Poe to stop him from making his stories a reality.

attempt to capture Poe's idiom.

The movie's conceit takes biographical fact — Poe died under mysterious conditions — and spins an action-film fantasy to fit it. Here, the booze-weakened author hunts a serial killer he has inspired.

Like the recent Sherlock Holmes films, "The Raven" seems content to steal a famous figure's name and leave any stabs at authenticity to the set and costume designers.

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21 JUMP STREET (R, 100 minutes)

The lack of originality or creative ingenuity that "21 Jump Street" symbolizes is addressed head-on early in the film, when a surly police captain tells two new recruits that the force has resurrected a defunct program from 30 years ago that sent undercover cops into high schools. The neophytes he's screaming at are Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum), a bumbling nerd and good-looking dullard, respectively, who were arch-opposites in their high school but have become best buds since going through the police academy. Despite the edginess and vulgarity, the production is suffused by an unmistakable sweetness. "21 Jump Street" might be yet another product of Hollywood's recycling program, but it deserves to be noticed. A.H.

AMERICAN REUNION (R, 113 minutes)

Like Stifler, "American Reunion" refuses to grow up. The obsession with sex has not changed. The subject of coupling, uncoupling and re-coupling with exes is almost the sole subject of conversation at this reunion. There's precious little comedy mined from the fact that people change. It pushes R-rated movie boundaries: If you've ever wondered what a nude Jason Biggs looks like smooshed up against glass, your prayers will be answered. At times it goes beyond tweaking taboos to the downright inappropriate.

A subplot about a neighborhood girl (Ali Cobrin) — she's turning 18 and has the hots for Jim, her former babysitter — borders on the pedophilic. M.O.

THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (R, 95 minutes) Like its spiritual heirs, "The Cabin in the Woods" comes not only to praise the slasher-, zombie- and gorefests of yore but to critique them, elaborating on their grammatical elements and archetypal figures even while searching for ways to put them to novel use. The opening scenes are when viewers meet the principal players, who hew teleogenically to horror-movie conventions. When they all pile into an RV and head for one of their cousin's new place on a rural lake, carnage is sure to ensue; when they encounter a spooky old coot at an abandoned gas station on their way, their tragic fates are all but sealed. As a

playful departure from the torture porn that it obliquely lampoons, "The Cabin in the Woods" marks a welcome return of cheap thrills and simple bump-in-the-night frights, with some stinging self-critical commentary on the side. A.H.

CHIMPANZEE (G, 82 minutes)

"Chimpanzee," the follow-up feature to Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield's "Earth," is one part "Wild Kingdom" and one part wacky-talking-animal tale. As narrated by Tim Allen, the chimps at the center of "Chimpanzee" appear to think out loud as they forage for food, groom and play with one another and sleep in the Ivory Coast. Throughout the film, which revolves around the adventures of an adorable baby chimp that the filmmakers have nicknamed Oscar, Allen doesn't just describe the action but also gives voice to Oscar's innermost thoughts. Although rated G, "Chimpanzee" features scenes of rival chimpanzee packs attacking each other. Some sequences are intense and frightening. And what happens to Oscar is genuinely, if only momentarily, sad. M.O.

THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13, 142 minutes)

This adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who, in author Suzanne Collins' floridly postapocalyptic future, are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder one another as part of a nationwide reality show. That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross. If the series' legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The Hunger Games have been instituted by the elite leaders of a country in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-be-killed group hunt. Lawrence is never less than grounded and believable as a young woman forced by circumstance to assume wisdom far beyond her years. A.H.

THE LUCKY ONE (PG-13, 101 minutes)

Can a drama be too restrained? "The Lucky One," adapted from a Nicholas Sparks novel, stars Zac Efron in a suds romantic melodrama. All great romances hinge on two things: keeping the principals apart and getting them together. When a conclusion is as foregone as the one in "The Lucky One," the first part of the equation becomes nothing but contrivance and

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ginned-up conflict. Most of "The Lucky One" consists of proving how sensitive Logan (Efron) is and how put-upon Beth (Taylor Schilling) is as she clatters around her grandmother's impeccably distressed cottage and affects Veronica Lake-esque bangs-in-the-eye sultriness. A.H. **MIRROR MIRROR** (PG, 106 minutes) Director Tarsem Singh has shown a gift for fantastical settings, and Snow White's kingdom is no exception. Unfortunately, actress Lily Collins as Snow White offers a pale reflection of her stunning setting. The plot is simple enough for younger Disney princess fans to follow. The fair Snow White is sequestered in her late father's castle by her pathologically vain stepmother, the Evil Queen (Julia Roberts). After sneaking out of the fortress for a visit to the village, Snow has a typical meet-up with Prince Alcott of Valencia in the woods. He has been bound and burgled, and she, having no idea he is a prince, unites him and then blushes furiously. Later, when the prince arrives at the castle looking for sanctuary, the queen goes into cougar mode. But naturally, the prince has eyes only for Snow. Disney's kind and gentle Snow White was charming, could sing and regularly talked to woodland creatures. The same cannot be said of Collins. Most of Snow's interactions with the magnetic prince are tepid, except for one flirty sword fight. **SANDIE ANGULO CHEN THINK LIKE A MAN** (PG-13, 120 minutes) An all-star revue of some of the most physically stunning actors in Hollywood, "Think Like a Man" is a pleasure if only on a purely sensory level. The nine main characters in "Think Like a Man" might be archetypes-bordering-on-stereotypes, but all manage to resemble authentic human beings, thanks to the terrific actors who play them: Taraji P. Henson, Meagan Good, Regina Hall and Gabrielle Union. Each of these gorgeous, high-achieving, self-aware women faces a specific dating problem for which Steve Harvey, author of the book the movie is based upon, has just the right advice. Forget hackneyed clichés about Players and Dreamers and the scheming women who seek to domesticate them. Focus on the pleasures of watching a group of gifted actors spar and seduce each other with genuine warmth, and "Think Like a Man" just might go straight to your head. A.H. **THE THREE STOOGES** (PG, 92 minutes) The imbecilic "Stooges" still manages to pummel you into submission with 92

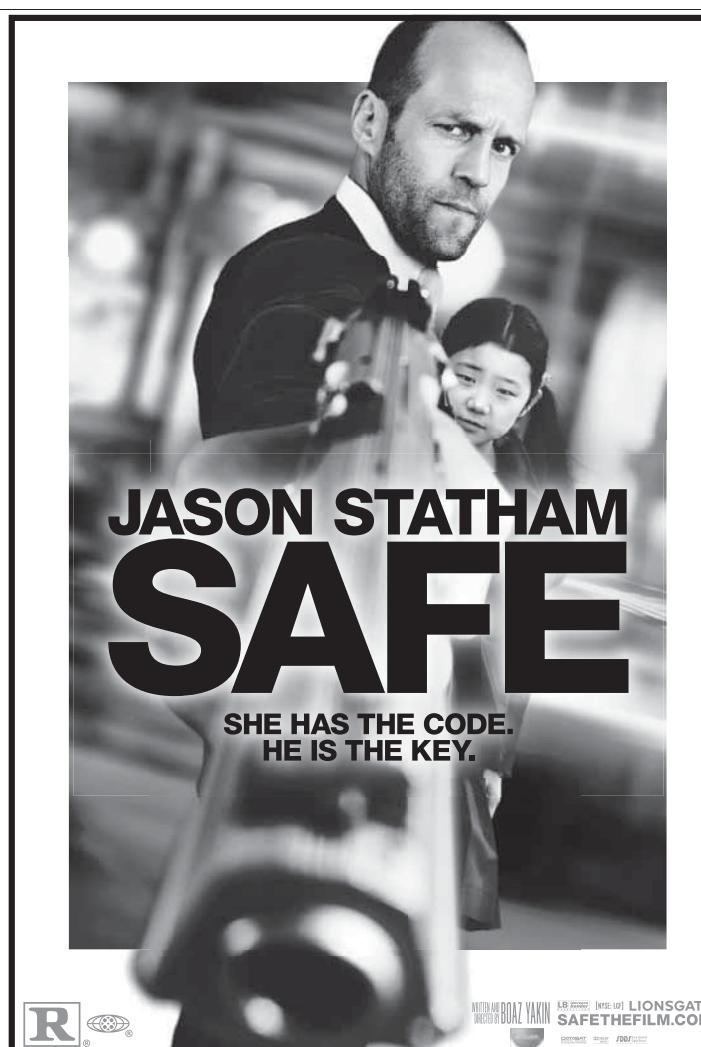
minutes of relentless stupidity. Even by Stooges standards, it's overly juvenile and totally dumb. The original Stooges, of course, were a vaudeville act whose physical shtick was characterized by aggressive but finely choreographed kicks, punches, snaps and falls. With the Farrelly brothers' (Bobby and Peter) "Stooges," the routine hits a new low. The Farrellys have made funny movies mining smart

humor from notoriously idiotic protagonists, but the brothers have been stuck in a rut lately, and "Stooges" isn't going to help pull them out. **SEAN O'CONNELL WRATH OF THE TITANS** (PG-13, 99 minutes) The only reason you'll feel any wrath is because you shelled out 12 bucks for this steaming bucket of half-baked plot, clichéd dialogue and disappointing 3-D special effects. It might be even

worse than the original. Who, exactly, was clamoring for a follow-up? As before, Sam Worthington plays Greek hero Perseus, the demigod son of Zeus (Liam Neeson). Zeus is imprisoned by his brother Hades (Ralph Fiennes) in an effort to overthrow the Olympian gods and resurrect Kronos, the dormant leader of the evil Titans. To save Zeus, Perseus goes on a quest to the underworld. At stake is not just his

father's life, but the future of the entire world. In an effort to appeal to audiences who might resist anything that smacks of the classics, the dialogue includes anachronisms such as "You gotta be kiddin' me." They got that right. M.O.

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2 The Kids Are All Confused

Trying to help your child understand the value of classical music? Two-man group Black Violin meld Jay-Z and Mozart in an attempt to make classical music seem cool. Kev Marcus and Wilib, both classically trained musicians, achieve musical fusion with the help of a DJ and drums. **Kennedy Center**, 2700 F St. NW; Sat. and Sun., \$18; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)



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3 Reefer Man

Jukebox musicals are all the rage, but they aren't just for huge, soulless Broadway productions anymore. Pointless Theatre Co.'s "Cab Calloway's Minnie the Moocher" brings together the jazz great's hit catalog and a sultry New York Jazz Age story about drugs, love and temptation. **Flashpoint**, 916 G St. NW; through Sun., \$10-\$15; 202-527-9496, Flashpointdc.org. (Gallery Place)

Local movie times

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AMC Loews Georgetown 14

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Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:40-1:00-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Movie Times
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 3:45-6:30-9:15
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Sound of My Voice (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: (I) 11:20-1:50-2:40-7:00-10:00
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Avalon

5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Delicacy (La delicatessen) (PG-13) One Week Only: 2:45-7:30
Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 12:45-5:15
Elles (NC-17) 1:00-3:20-5:40-8:00

Landmark E Street Cinema

555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Salt of Life (Giovanni e le donne) (NR) 1:10-32:20-5:30-7:40-9:50
Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:00-10:00
We Have a Pope (Habemus Papam) (NR) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Island President (PG) 2:45-5:15-7:30-9:55
The Raid: Redemption (Serbuhan maut) (R) 4:50-9:50
Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-9:55
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 2:20-7:20
Marley (PG-13) 1:45-5:00-8:15-11:30
The Room (R) 12:00AM
The Big Sleep (1946) (NR) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14

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Chimpanzee (G) OC-Open Caption: 2:30
Titanic 3D (PG-13) Real3D: (I) 1:00-5:30-9:45
The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Real3D: (I) 12:10-2:30-7:00
Lockout (R) 11:40AM
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The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 4:40-9:10-11:30

West End Cinema

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Margaret (R) Kenneth Lonergan's new film: 2:00-5:00-8:00
The Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) English Subtitles; The Dardenne Brothers' new film: 3:30-5:40-7:40

The Artist (PG-13) Best Picture Oscar winner; English Subtitles: 3:00-7:20
Casa de mi Padre (R) English Subtitles: 5:20-9:30

Chico & Rita (NR) English Subtitles; The music of Bird-Dizzy and Monk: 9:40

Sound of My Voice (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: (I) 11:20-1:50-2:40-7:00-10:00

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TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

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9:00

Grimm (NBC) Nick's (David Giuntoli, right) investigation of a construction worker's death leads him into a long-standing feud in the creature world, and the suspect summons reapers to get rid of the Grimm. At Juliette's insistence, Nick invites Monroe to dinner, with interesting results.

SAT
8:00

The Blind Side (ABC) A true story that had a major box-office impact, this drama earned Sandra Bullock her first Oscar. She and Tim McGraw play a Southern couple who take in troubled youth Michael Oher and give him the opportunity to become a football standout.

SUN
9:00

TV Land Awards 2012 (TVLAND) Kelly Ripa, left, returns to host the 10th anniversary of this awards extravaganza that celebrates classic television, film and music icons. Among the highlights will be "One Day at a Time" and "Laverne & Shirley" being honored with the Innovator and Fan Favorite awards, respectively.

SUN
10:00

My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding (TLC) This new spin-off series takes viewers on a journey into the lives of America's Gypsy and Traveller communities, revealing the hidden culture and over-the-top weddings that exist in our own backyards. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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10:00

MAD MEN

Those who used to complain that AMC's "Mad Men" was plodding along at a petty soap opera pace will probably start carping now that too many weird things are happening at once. Last week, Don Draper (Jon Hamm, above) flipped out on his new bride. Peggy had a sordid liaison in a movie theater. And old-school Roger Sterling dropped acid! The times, on "Mad Men," they are a-changin'! (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

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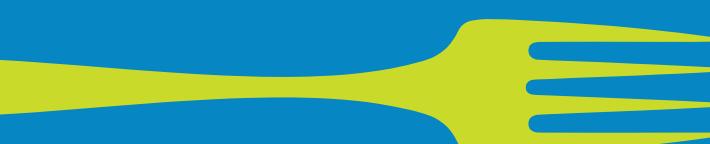


New Battleground

It's easy to root for the Sea Shepherd when it's going after the commercial whaling industry. The lines between heroes and villains get blurrier, though, when the "bad guys" are native islanders with a centuries-old cultural tradition of whaling. On "Whale Wars: Viking Shores" (Fri., 9 p.m., APL), Capt. Paul Watson and his crew visit the Faeroe Islands to stop what they see as a cruel and environmentally unsound practice. (TM)

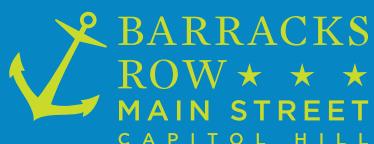
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Positions: Camp Moss Hollow 2012

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—@DANCHARNAS reacts to news that the two long-standing New York radio stations are merging to make way for an FM ESPN Radio channel.



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thought the opening scene of Sacha Baron Cohen's movie "The Dictator," released this week by Paramount, is hilarious.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Those closest to you will want to share a great deal as fast as they can today, and you'll want to provide what you can in return.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll receive input today from a number of friends. What you do with the information available to you will bring you great satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may want to examine your own motives when you realize what you're feeling doesn't match what you think is important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A mystery arises around someone who has been on the periphery for some time. He or she will now be all-important for a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You know exactly what has to happen today, and you know exactly how to get it done—but you'll be aware of an option not always available.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Time you spend with a friend today gives you more than the enjoyment you have come to expect and appreciate. Be open for more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be confused between what is actually good for you, and simple sexual thrill that cannot lead to anything more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The fact that you are not the center of attention should not be bothering you as much as it is—or is there something else going on?

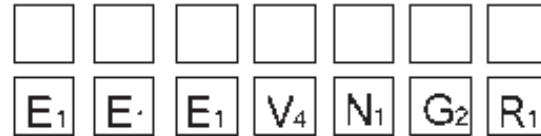
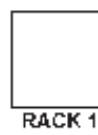
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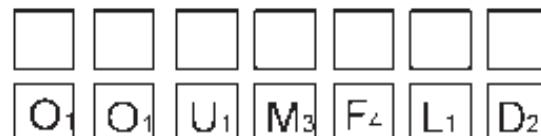
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B ₃	U ₁	B ₃	O ₁	N ₁	I ₁	C ₃	RACK 3 = 76
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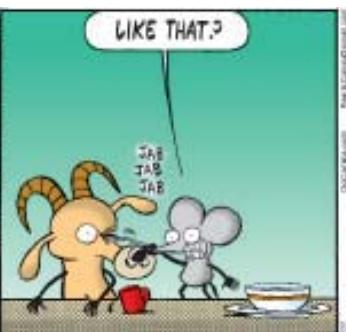
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Comics

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Forecast



65 | 47

Today: Mostly sunny and breezy today. Increasing clouds tonight.



58 | 43

Tomorrow: Periods of rain tomorrow. A couple of showers tomorrow night.



61 | 40 | 65 | 50 | 65 | 57

Looking Ahead



SUN



MON



TUE

61 | 40 | 65 | 50 | 65 | 57

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:15 a.m.

Sunset today: 7:57 p.m.

Moonrise today: 10:52 a.m.

Moonset today: 12:43 a.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 70

Record high: 94

Normal low: 50

Record low: 34

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lookout puzzles

Crossword

ACROSS

1 The humbled eat it
 5 Start of a classic Christmas poem
 9 Laughter syllables
 14 Alphabetic symbol of yore
 15 Namby-pamby
 16 Muse holding a lyre
 17 Key in the water
 18 Reminder to take out the trash
 19 Starboard side
 20 Leafy vegetable in Asian cuisine
 23 Home of many marathon winners
 24 Lennon's Yoko
 25 "He maketh me to ____ down in green..."
 27 "Didn't tell you that would happen?"
 28 Was on the ballot
 31 Like most modern dental practices
 34 ____ a high note (finish well)
 36 Actors' quests
 37 Beets without swollen roots
 40 Blurb specialists
 42 Vegas spectacle

DOWN

43 Alternative to rubber bullets
 46 "Hold on just a ____"
 47 "The Good Wife" network
 50 Way beyond -er
 51 Tilly or Ryan
 53 Deadly virus named for a river
 55 Garnish that has flat leaves
 60 Place for NBA games
 61 Do drudgery
 62 "____ helpless as a kitten up a tree"
 63 Joanna of "Growing Pains"
 64 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer Ed
 65 LAPD investigators
 66 Balance sheet positive
 67 Fiddling Roman emperor
 68 "Put a tiger in your tank" slogan

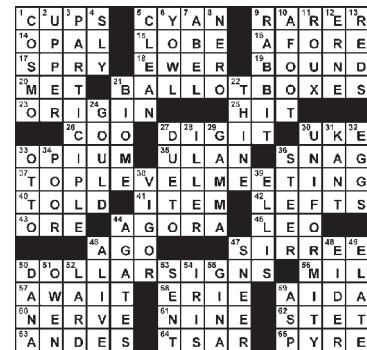
1 Pains in the neck

2 Fraternity hopeful
 3 Accessing the Internet
 4 Teeny-____
 5 Three of them make six
 6 Ample, as a doorway
 7 Oil giant acquired by BP
 8 Vaulted
 9 Oregano or sage
 10 Operatic tune
 11 Verbal bargain seekers
 12 Believer's antithesis
 13 One who likes cheap shots?
 21 Bringing home the bacon
 22 Breathtaking snake?
 26 Gender-changing suffix
 29 They're often classified
 30 Rejecting replies
 32 More up-to-date in dress and manners
 33 Load cargo
 34 Pitcher in a

painting
 35 Manufacturer of the first mechanical cash registers
 37 Dabbles (in)
 38 "____ making a list..." (holiday lyric)
 39 Blvd. cousin
 40 Consumed
 41 Ardent impulses
 44 "What____, chopped liver?"
 45 "Able-bodied" military figure
 47 Hannity's ex-foil
 48 Babbles

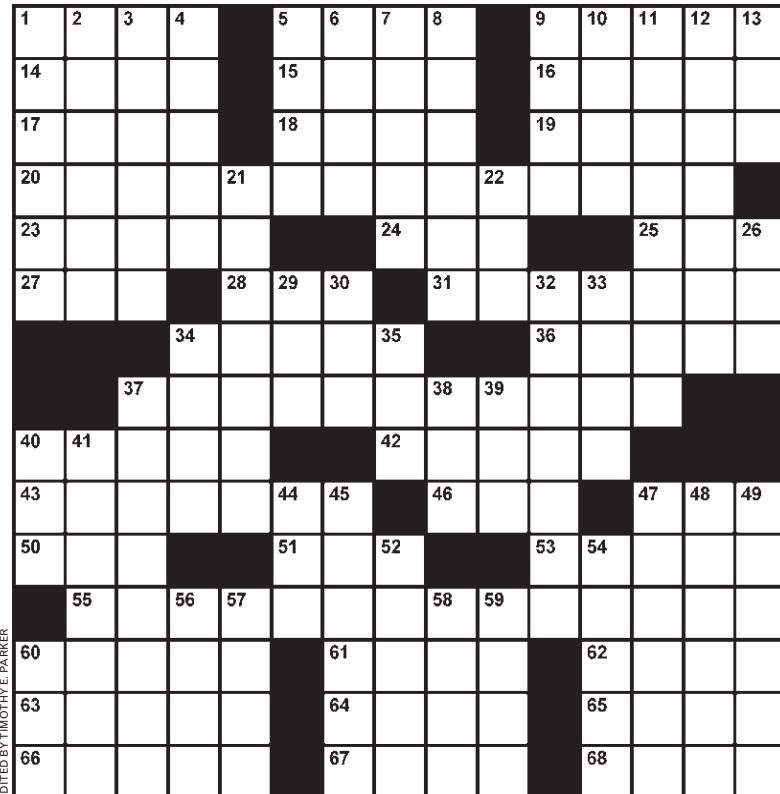
49 Utters decisively
 52 Diminutive being of folklore
 54 Throwaway song on a 45, usually
 56 William Shakespeare's wife
 57 Have staying power
 58 Boardwalk structure
 59 "I almost forgot ..."
 60 "Alias" equivalent

Yesterday's Solution



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FOREIGN FOODS



Samurai Sudoku

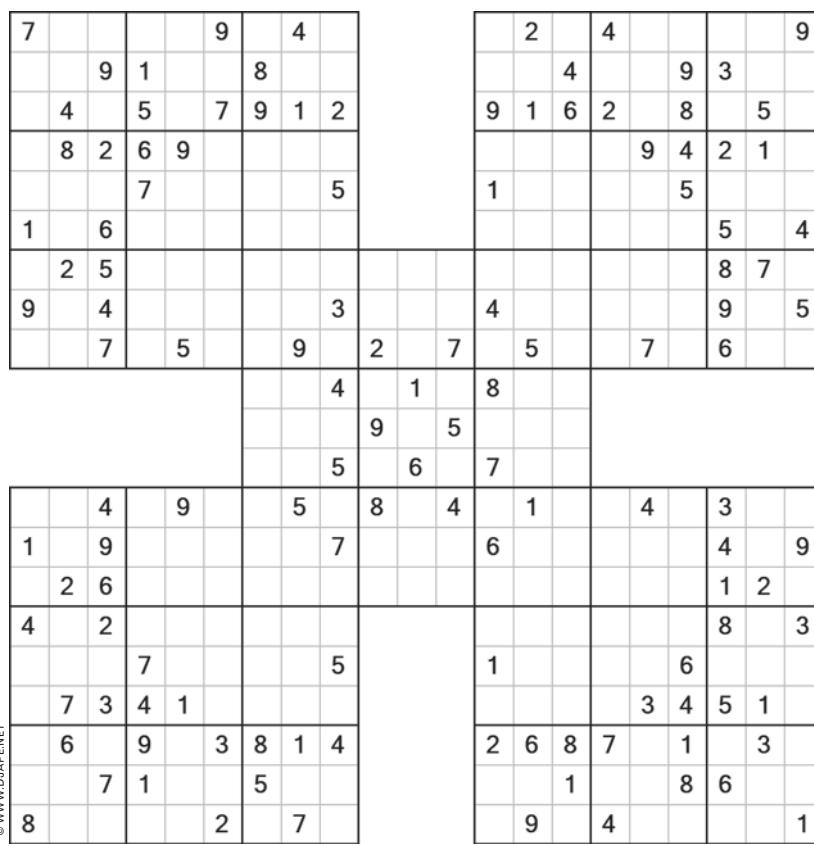
Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

5 3 4 7 8 9 6 1 2	7 8 9 2 6 1 3 4 5	6 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9	4 7 5 9 1 6 8 2 3	1 2 6 8 3 7 9 5 4	8 9 3 4 5 2 1 6 7	2 5 7 1 9 8 4 3 6	9 4 1 6 2 3 5 7 8	3 6 8 5 7 4 2 9 1
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Today in History

1865 The steamer Sultana explodes on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 people, mostly freed Union prisoners of war.

1982 The trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, begins in Washington.

2011 A powerful storm system across the South and Midwest spins more than 120 tornadoes that killed 316 people in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

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people lookout

**BABIES****Husband Drops Phone, Hyperventilates, Replies**

Tamera Mowry-Housley and husband Adam Housley are expecting their first child together. Mowry-Housley told Mystyle.com that seeing the pregnancy test read positive was the happiest moment of her life. "I actually texted Adam a picture of two pregnancy tests and said, 'Happy early Father's Day!'" she said. "He said, 'Cooool!'" (EXPRESS)

LEGAL ARGUMENTS**'Let's Get This Over With Before Lunch, Shall We?'**

Bobby Brown's attorney entered a no contest plea for Brown to one count of drunken driving stemming from an arrest last month. City attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan says Brown was sentenced to three years of informal probation and a 90-day alcohol education course. Brown's attorney confirmed the remaining DUI count was dismissed. (AP)



While Jason is distracted by something shiny, Britney gives the photographer a desperate "get me out of here" smile.

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**Victims****TMZ Is Glad to Take Credit**

Nadya "Octomom" Suleman told "Good Morning America" Thursday that she was set up. Suleman's hairdresser filed a complaint with Orange County Social Services, which launched an investigation and concluded the children are safe. (EXPRESS)



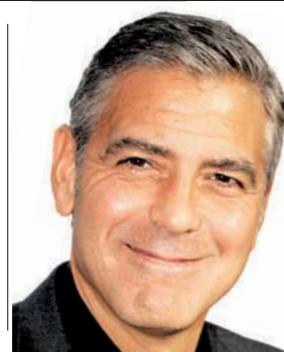
"Apparently me being naked is funny — onscreen. In my personal life. ... If I take my clothes off it's met with hysterical laughter, for some reason."

— JASON SEGEL, TO NBC'S "TODAY" SHOW ON WEDNESDAY. HE'S RUMORED TO BE DATING MICHELLE WILLIAMS.

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'I'm Slightly More Free Now, Y'all'

Britney Spears' fiance now has the blessing of a judge to help manage the singer's personal affairs. Jason Trawick received approval Wednesday to become a co-conservator over the singer. He joins her father, Jamie Spears, in that role and will have control over several decision-making aspects of her personal life but not in managing her assets. (AP)

**AFTERPARTY ANECDOTE TEMPLATE****'He Was So [Adjective], It Turns Out He Likes [Musical Style], Too'**

The guest list for the White House Correspondents' Dinner was released Thursday. George Clooney, Reese Witherspoon and Viola Davis are among the stars joining journalists Saturday. Other guests include: Claire Danes, Zooey Deschanel, Lindsay Lohan, Lindsay Lohan's attorney and the dog from "The Artist." (EXPRESS)



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